

# BASELINE FLOODPLAIN ANALYSIS

DEATH VALLEY

FLOOD STUDIES

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BASELINE FLOODPLAIN ANALYSIS

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Flood Mitigation Studies  
Package 271

REPORT ON AREAS:

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FC-2A	NPS Maintenance
FC-2B	School Wash
FC-2C	Cow Creek Drainage

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FC-5	Furnace Creek Inn, Water Supply, & Indian Village
FC-6	Furnace Creek to Zabriskie Point

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SP-2	Stovepipe Wells Development

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	Emigrant Ranger Station

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SCOTTY'S CASTLE

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SC-2	Castle Area
SC-2	Water Supply
SC-3	Grapevine Canyon

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## GENERAL BACKGROUND

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this study is to determine (1) the precipitation and runoff for selected areas by methods based on gauged rainfall of record and basin characteristics; (2) the extent of flooding at selected critical sections; and (3) the locations which require some method of flood mitigation.

### STUDY AREAS

This report includes studies for six separate drainage areas. Each area is comprised of one or more combined or separate drainage basins. The study areas are Cow Creek, Furnace Creek, Stovepipe Wells, Emigrant, Mesquite Campground, and Scotty's Castle.

### PREVIOUS REPORTS

An introduction to the general flood problems of Death Valley, geographic setting, general discussion of precipitation, and the equations used to determine floodflows for different probabilities of frequency are included in a study titled, Potential Hazards From Floodflows and Debris Movement in the Furnace Creek Area, by John R. Crippen, USGS. The report identifies the potential problems and gives the extent of flooding for 25-year, 50-year, and 100-year floods for the Furnace Creek fan and the Park Village Area of Nevares Creek.

Potential Hazards From Floodflows in Grapevine Canyon, by James C. Bowers, USGS, gives a description of the geographic setting, precipitation, flood hydrology, flood discharges, and flood extents within Grapevine Canyon. A map indicating the flooding at Scotty's Castle is included.

Death Valley Flood Studies, BASELINE FLOODPLAIN ANALYSIS, which was done by Denver Service Center, in March, 1984, was a report similar to this report but only studied three areas: Emigrant, Cow Creek, and Stovepipe Wells. Additional topographic surveys have been obtained and the previous DSC report has been updated and is incorporated into this report.

### METHODOLOGY

Precipitation for the 100-year storm was determined using the procedures and isopluvials in NOAA ATLAS 2, Volume XI, prepared by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Precipitation for the probable maximum thunderstorm was determined using the procedures and isohyets as prescribed in DESIGN OF SMALL DAMS, Second Edition, Bureau of Reclamation.

Runoff was determined by the procedures described in DESIGN OF SMALL DAMS, and USGS Topographic Maps.

Flood extents at critical sections were determined using Manning's Formula with an "n" value of 0.045 and cross-sections of the drainages.



## RESULTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The results and recommendations for each study area are given in the respective sections. The report is sectionalized to facilitate using each study as a separate report, if desired.



COW CREEK



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The Task Directive for Flood Mitigation Studies, Packages 271 and 301, which was approved by Regional Director Howard Chapman on December 10, 1983, designated various areas of concern within the greater Furnace Creek Development as FC-1 through FC-7. FC-1 is the Park Village (Nevares Creek) and FC-2 is the Park Service Development and Maintenance Area (Cow Creek).

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this study is to determine (1) the precipitation and runoff for FC-1 and FC-2 by methods based on gauged rainfall of record and basin characteristics; (2) the extent of flooding at selected critical sections; and (3) the locations which require some method of flood mitigation.

### STUDY AREAS

The areas of concern for this report include four separate drainage basins shown on the USGS map on page 3 as FC-1, Park Village; FC-2A, NPS maintenance area; FC-2B, school area; and FC-2C, Cow Creek proper. Table 1 on page 5 gives the drainage area characteristics for FC-1, FC-2A, and FC-2B. Aerial reconnaissance and aerial photographs revealed that runoff from FC-2C, the Cow Creek drainage area, will not affect any development.

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Runoff was determined by the procedures described in DESIGN OF SMALL DAMS, and USGS Topographic Map, Chloride Cliff, California.

Precipitation and runoff for the areas are summarized in Table 2 on page 6.

Flood extents at critical sections were determined using Manning's Formula with an "n" value of 0.045 and cross-sections of the drainages taken on-site. The following plans showing the locations of sections were taken from half-size prints of Drawing Number 143-41019A.



## RESULTS

FC-1. The drainage adjacent to the Park Village housing will not threaten the housing area; however, the access road will periodically be washed out. See pages 7 and 8.

FC-2A. Runoff near the maintenance area will not affect any development in the area including the recent construction adjacent to the drainage arroyo. See pages 9 and 10.

FC-2B. Runoff from the FC-2B drainage area is barely contained in the existing ditches for the 100-year flood. Any amounts in excess of 290 cubic feet per second will overflow the channel. The school is in a hazardous location with the existing drainage provisions. See pages 11, 12, 13, and 14.

FC-2C. The drainage area for Cow Creek proper will not pose a threat to any developed area. Highway 190 could wash out, however, in a large storm.

## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER STUDY AND FLOOD MITIGATION

FC-1: A drainage ditch lined with riprap or cemented rubble could be designed to contain the 50-year-floodflow. The highway could be dipped and the shoulders paved to withstand higher flows. A dip in the highway just above the intersection with Skyline Drive would also help to prevent floodwaters from FC-1 crossing over into FC-2B, the School Wash.

FC-2A: No action necessary.

FC-2B: The existing drainage channel should be lined to prevent washouts and enlarged to contain a flow in excess of the 100-year flow with free-board allowed. The fairly small drainage area would not generate a life-threatening flood; however, damage to the school and trailer court could occur. The lined channel should continue through the trailer court.

FC-2C: No action recommended; however, a dip in Highway 190 could be installed to prevent washouts for the 50-year flood.













FC-1

PARK VILLAGE

COW CREEK AREA





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TABLE 1 - DRAINAGE AREA CHARACTERISTICS

AREA NAME	AREA (MI <sup>2</sup> )	LENGTH (MILES)	TIME OF CONC. (MIN.)	ELEV. MAX. (FEET)	ELEV. MIN. (FEET)	AVE. CHANNEL SLOPE.
FC-1 Park Village	2.55	6.12	51.2	4077	-40	0.1274
FC-2B School Wash	0.40	2.25	29.7	720	-120	0.0707
FC-2A NPS Mainten.	0.39	1.85	27.0	430	-120	0.0614

TIMES OF CONCENTRATION

$$T_c = \left( \frac{11.9 L^3}{DE} \right)^{0.385}$$

L = LENGTH IN MILES

$T_c$  = TIME OF CONCENTRATION (HRS.)

DE = DIFFERENCE IN ELEVATION (FT.)

$$\text{FC-1 PARK VILLAGE} = \left[ \frac{11.9 (6.12)^3}{4077 - (-40)} \right]^{0.385} = 0.853 \text{ HRS.} = 51.2 \text{ MIN.}$$

$$\text{FC-2B SCHOOL WASH} = \left[ \frac{11.9 (2.25)^3}{720 - (-120)} \right]^{0.385} = 0.495 \text{ HRS.} = 29.7 \text{ MIN.}$$

$$\text{FC-2A NPS MAINTENANCE} = \left[ \frac{11.9 (1.85)^3}{430 - (-120)} \right]^{0.385} = 0.450 \text{ HRS.} = 27.0 \text{ MIN.}$$



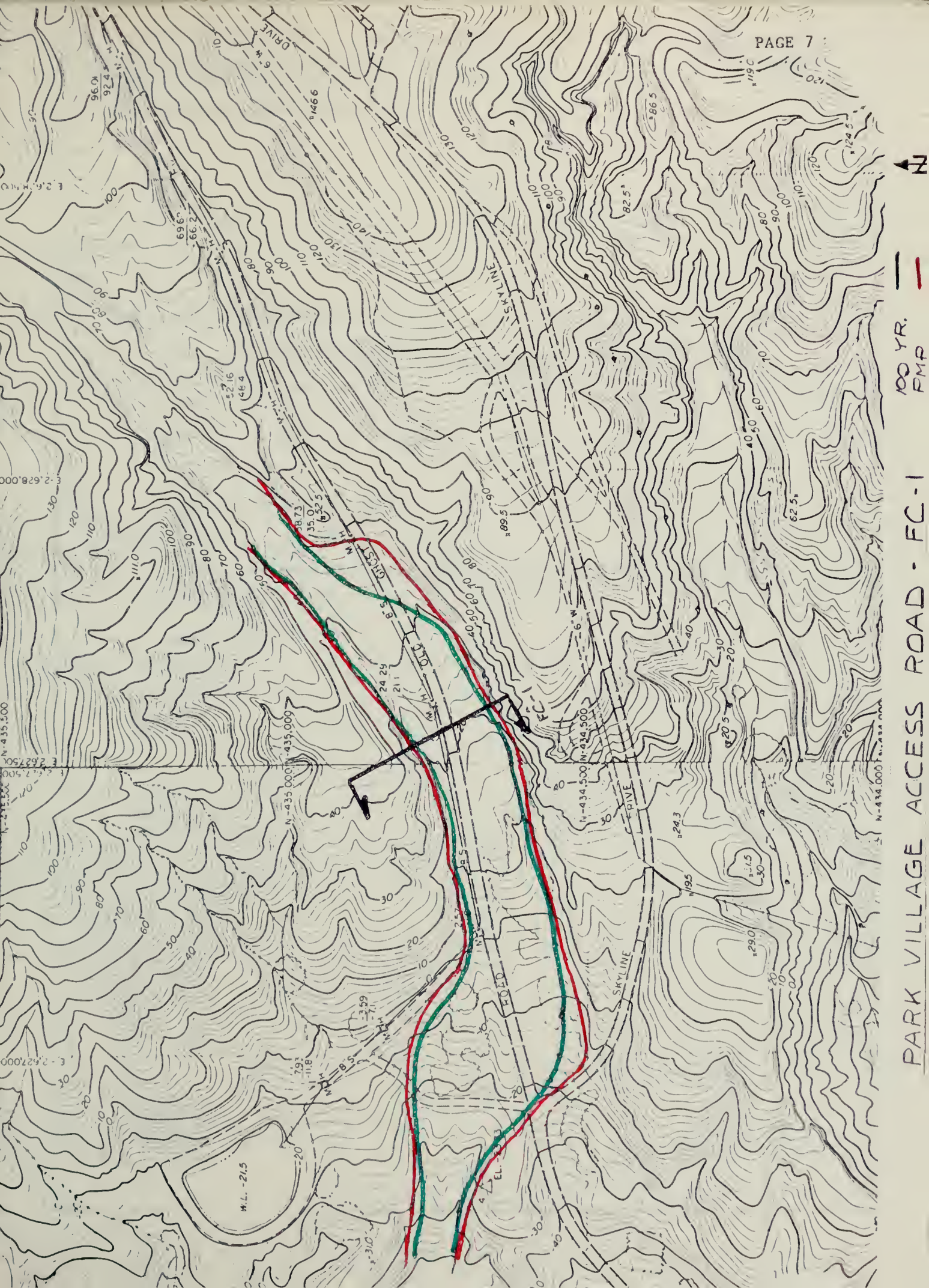
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TABLE 2 PRECIPITATION & RUNOFF

AREA NAME	FC-1 PARK VILLAGE	FC-2A MAINTENANCE	FC-2B SCHOOL AREA	
<u>100 YR. PRECIPITATION</u>				
5 MINUTE	0.33 IN.	0.35 IN.	0.35 IN.	
10 MINUTE	0.51 IN.	0.54 IN.	0.54 IN.	
15 MINUTE	0.64 IN.	0.69 IN.	0.69 IN.	
30 MINUTE	0.89 IN.	0.96 IN.	0.96 IN.	
1 HOUR	1.13 IN.	1.21 IN.	1.21 IN.	
2 HOUR	1.25 IN.	1.26 IN.	1.26 IN.	
3 HOUR	1.36 IN.	1.31 IN.	1.31 IN.	
<u>PROPABLE MAXIMUM</u>				
15 MINUTE	2.88 IN.	2.88 IN.	2.88 IN.	
30 MINUTE	4.26 IN.	4.26 IN.	4.26 IN.	
45 MINUTE	5.28 IN.	5.28 IN.	5.28 IN.	
1 HOUR	6.00 IN.	6.00 IN.	6.00 IN.	
2 HOUR	7.56 IN.	7.56 IN.	7.56 IN.	
3 HOUR	8.04 IN.	8.04 IN.	8.04 IN.	
<u>AREAS</u>	2.55 MI. <sup>2</sup>	0.39 MI. <sup>2</sup>	0.40 MI. <sup>2</sup>	
<u>100 YR. RUNOFF</u>	1225 FT <sup>3</sup> /SEC.	300 FT <sup>3</sup> /SEC.	290. FT <sup>3</sup> /SEC.	
<u>PROB. MAX. RUNOFF</u>	7170 FT <sup>3</sup> /SEC.	1500 FT <sup>3</sup> /SEC.	1480 FT <sup>3</sup> /SEC.	



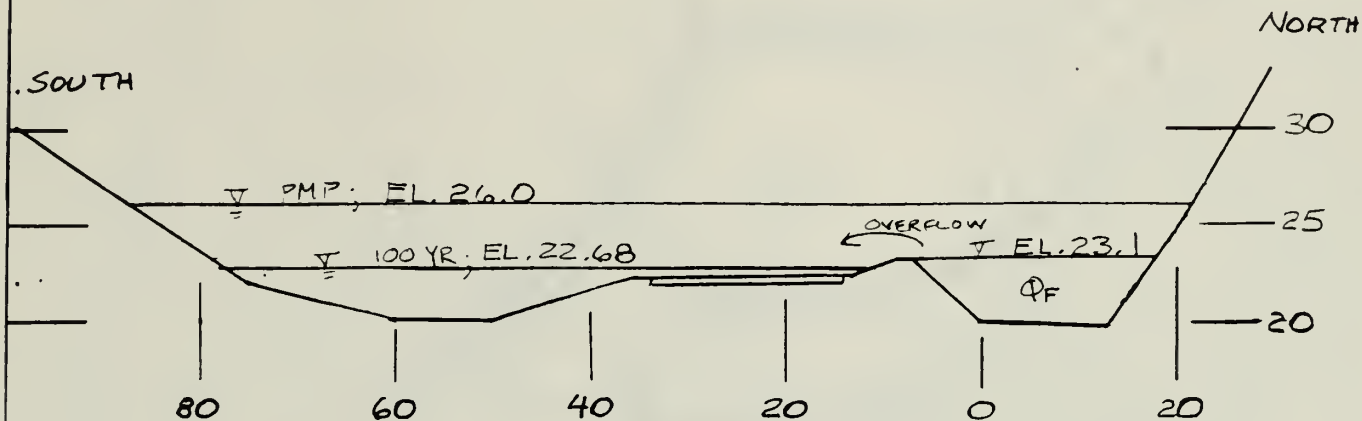




100 YR.  
FMP

PARK VILLAGE ACCESS ROAD - FC-1



CRITICAL SECTION

$$Q_{100} = 1225 \text{ cfs}$$

$$Q_{PMP} = 7170 \text{ cfs}$$

$$S = 0.03 \quad \lambda = 0.045$$

$$Q_F = \text{NORTH DITCH FULL FLOW} = 595 \text{ FT}^3/\text{SEC.}$$

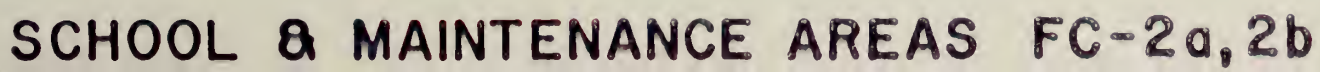
$$V_F = 10 \text{ F.P.S}$$

$$V_{PMP} = 15 \text{ FPS}$$





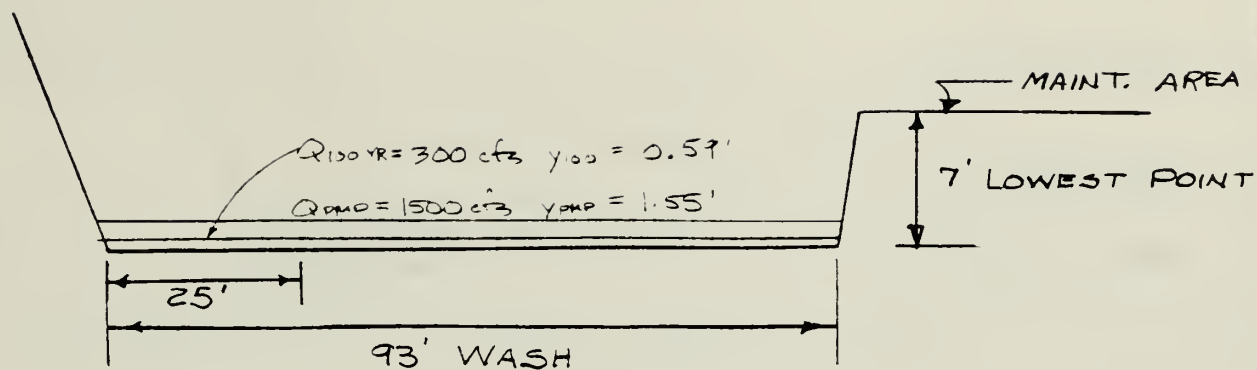






# COW CREEK - MAINT. AREA WASH (FC-2A)

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$Q = \text{FLOW}$

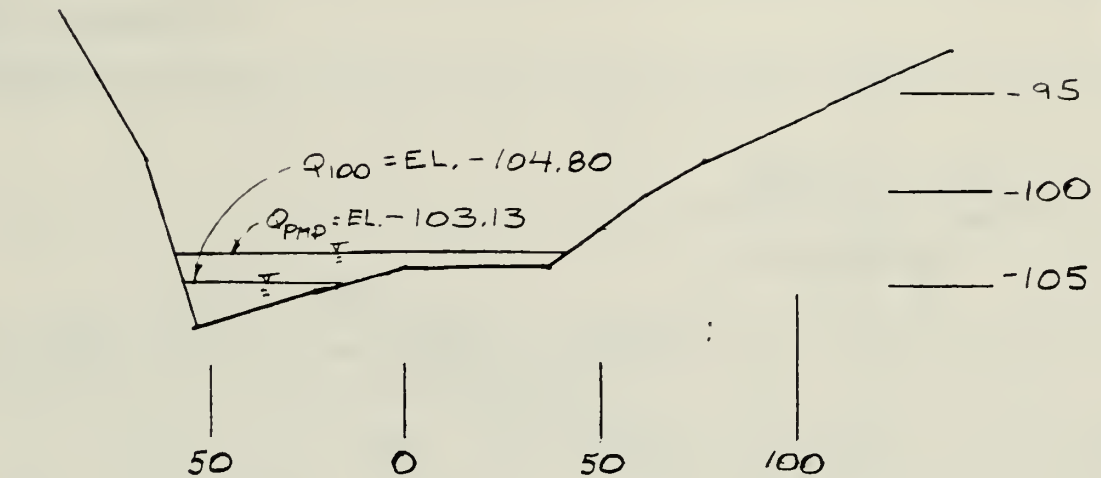
$n = 0.045$

$S = 0.056$



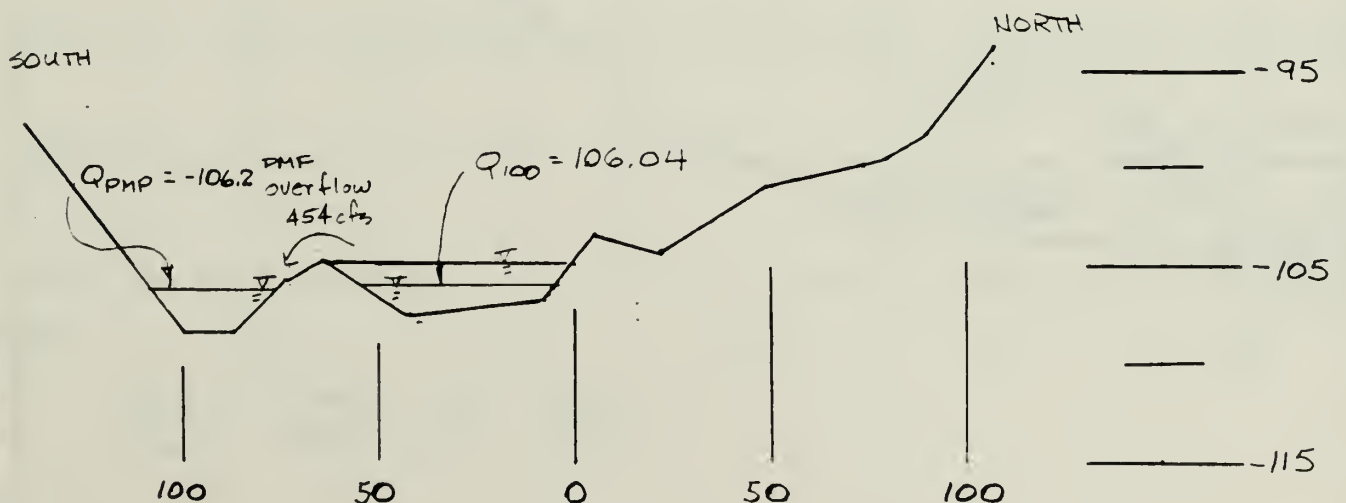


SECTION A



$$\begin{aligned}
 Q_{100} &= 290 \text{ cfs} \\
 Q_{PMF} &= 1480 \text{ cfs} \\
 S &= .036 \quad n = 0.045 \\
 V_{PMF} &= 8.7 \text{ fps} \\
 V_{100} &= 6.3 \text{ fps}
 \end{aligned}$$

SECTION B



$$\begin{aligned}
 Q_{100} &= 290 \text{ cfs} & Q_F &= .020 & V_{100} &= 6.1 \text{ FT/SEC.} \\
 Q_{PMF} &= 1480 \text{ cfs} \\
 S &= 0.036 & n &= 0.045
 \end{aligned}$$





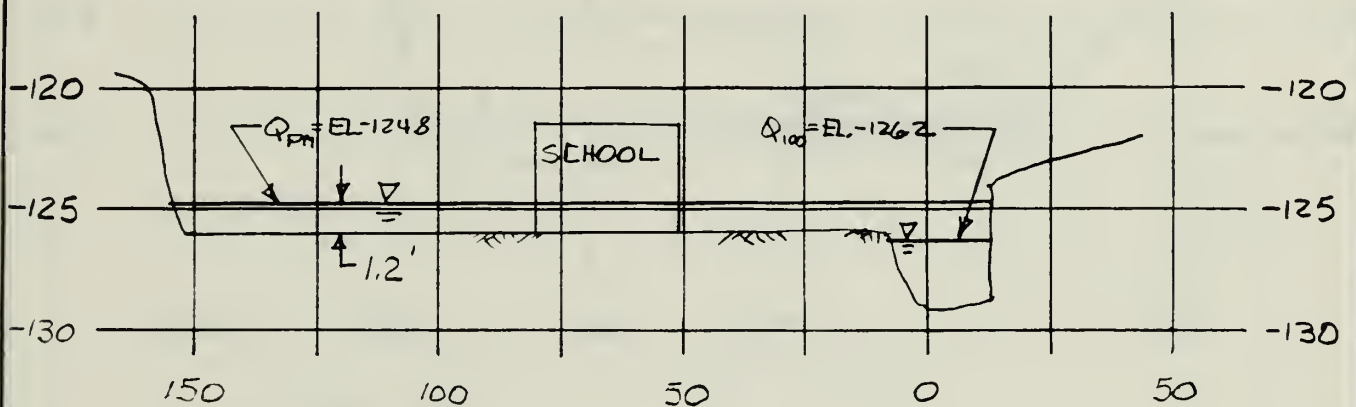




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FC-2B (CONT)

SECTION D: 50' UPSTREAM FROM END OF SCHOOL YARD FENCE



$$Q_{100} = 290 \text{ cfs} = \text{ELEV.} - 126.2$$

$$Q_{pm} = 1480 \text{ cfs} = \text{ELEV.} - 124.8$$

$$V_{100} = 7.0 \text{ fps}$$

$$V_{pm} = 6.0 \text{ fps}$$

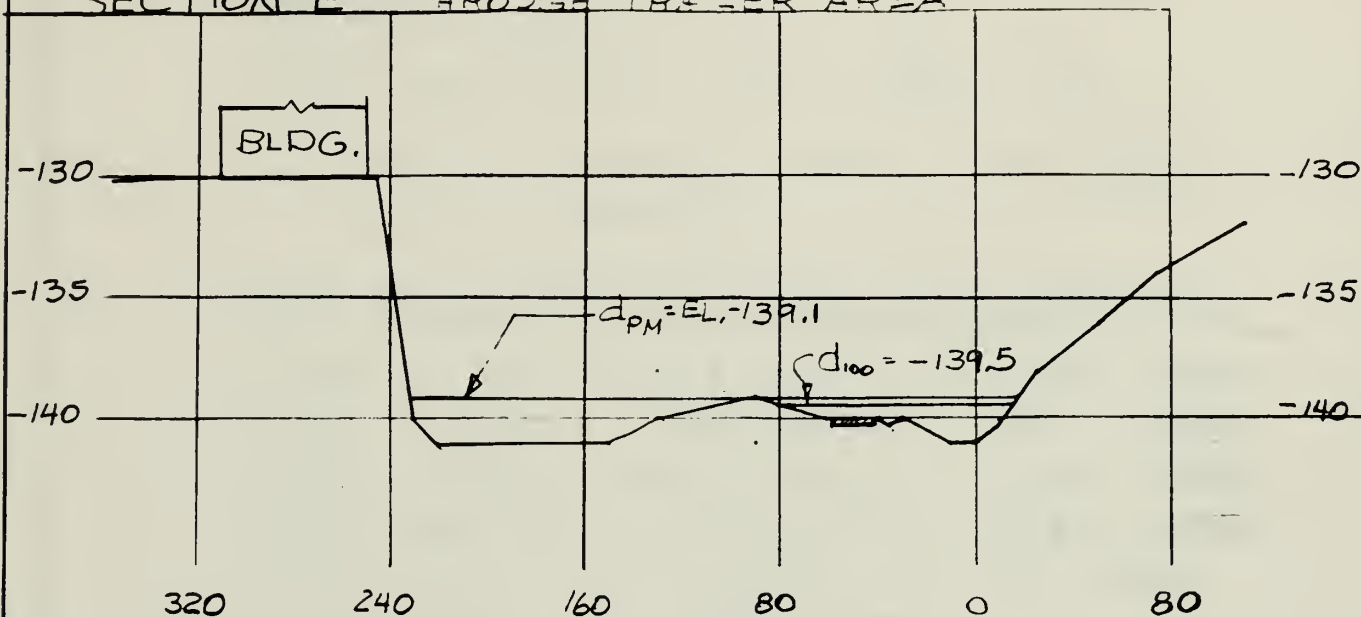
$$S = .02$$



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FC-2B (CON'T)

## SECTION E - THROUGH TRAILER AREA



$$Q_{100} = 290 \text{ CFS}$$

$$Q_{PM} = 1480 \text{ CFS}$$

$$S = .022$$

$$V = 4.84$$



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## II PRECIPITATION

### A FIND PRECIPITATION FOR 100 YR. FREQUENCY AREA FC-1

$$6 \text{ HR., } 100 \text{ YR. POINT} = 1.6 \text{ INCHES} = X_3$$

$$24 \text{ HR., } 100 \text{ YR. POINT} = 2.5 \text{ INCHES} = X_4$$

$$Y_{100} = 100 \text{ YR., } 1 \text{ HR. RAIN} = 0.322 - 0.789 \left[ \frac{X_3^2}{X_4} \right]$$

$$= 1.13 \text{ INCHES/HR.}$$

### FIND AMOUNTS FOR VARIOUS DURATIONS

$$100 \text{ YR., } 5 \text{ MIN.} = 0.29 (1.13) = 0.33 \text{ INCHES}$$

$$100 \text{ YR., } 10 \text{ MIN.} = 0.45 (1.13) = 0.51 \text{ INCHES}$$

$$100 \text{ YR., } 15 \text{ MIN.} = 0.57 (1.13) = 0.64 \text{ INCHES}$$

$$100 \text{ YR., } 30 \text{ MIN.} = 0.79 (1.13) = 0.89 \text{ INCHES}$$

$$100 \text{ YR., } 1 \text{ HR.} = 1 (1.13) = 1.13 \text{ INCHES}$$

$$100 \text{ YR., } 2 \text{ HR.} = 1.25 \text{ INCHES}$$

$$100 \text{ YR., } 3 \text{ HR.} = 1.36 \text{ INCHES}$$

Information from NOAA Atlas 2, Volume XI -

Death Valley is in Region 6 for 100 YR. - 1 HR. values.

It is the 'southeastern desert region of California.

No adjustment for area size required.



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## II PRECIPITATION

### A FIND PRECIPITATION FOR 100 YR. FREQUENCY

AREAS FC-2A AND FC-2B

$$6 \text{ HR., } 100 \text{ YR. POINT} = 1.5 \text{ INCHES} = X_3$$

$$24 \text{ HR., } 100 \text{ YR. POINT} = 2.0 \text{ INCHES} = X_4$$

$$Y_{100} = 100 \text{ YR., } 1 \text{ HR. RAIN} = 0.322 - 0.789 \left[ X_3 \left( X_3 / X_4 \right) \right]$$

$$= 1.21 \text{ INCHES / HR.}$$

### FIND AMOUNTS FOR VARIOUS DURATIONS

$$100 \text{ YR., } 5 \text{ MIN.} = 0.29 (1.21) = 0.35 \text{ INCHES}$$

$$100 \text{ YR., } 10 \text{ MIN.} = 0.45 (1.21) = 0.54 \text{ INCHES}$$

$$100 \text{ YR., } 15 \text{ MIN.} = 0.57 (1.21) = 0.69 \text{ INCHES}$$

$$100 \text{ YR., } 30 \text{ MIN.} = 0.79 (1.21) = 0.96 \text{ INCHES}$$

$$100 \text{ YR., } 1 \text{ HR.} = 1 (1.21) = 1.21 \text{ INCHES}$$

$$100 \text{ YR., } 2 \text{ HR.} = 1.26 \text{ INCHES}$$

$$100 \text{ YR., } 3 \text{ HR.} = 1.31 \text{ INCHES}$$

Information from NOAA Atlas 2, Volume XI -

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— is the southwestern desert region of California.

No adjustment for area size required.





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## II PRECIPITATION (CONT.)

### 3 FIND PROBABLE MAXIMUM RAINFALL

AREAS: FC-1, FC-2A & B

1 HOUR POINT RAINFALL = 6 INCHES / HR.

Death Valley lies in Zone II —

No adjustment — for area required.

### RAINFALL FOR OTHER DURATIONS

15 MIN. = 0.48 (6) = 2.88 INCHES

30 MIN. = 0.71 (6) = 4.26 INCHES

45 MIN. = 0.88 (6) = 5.28 INCHES

1 HR. = 1 (6) = 6 INCHES

2 HR. = 1.26 (6) = 7.56 INCHES

3 HR. = 1.34 (6) = 8.04 INCHES

Information for Probable Maximum Rainfall from:

"Design of Small Dams — by U.S. Dept. of Interior,  
Bureau of Reclamation. — 1974



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III RUNOFF

A. 100 YR. FLOOD

FC-1 - PARK VILLAGE

Rainfall Retention Assumptions: Mountains: 0.1"  
Barada: 0.15"

Total Retained: 40% Mounts.  $\times 0.1" = 60\% \times 0.15" = 0.13"$

$T_c = 0.853$  HRS.

$A = 2.55$  mi<sup>2</sup>.

DURATION = 5 MIN.

$$T_p = .25/2 + .6(0.853) = 0.6368$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(2.55)(0.64 - .13)}{0.6368} = 988 \text{ cfs}$$

DURATION = 30 MIN.

$$T_p = .5/2 + .6(0.853) = 0.7681$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(2.55)(0.69 - .13)}{0.7681} = 1221 \text{ cfs}$$

DURATION = 1 HR.

$$T_p = 1/2 + .6(0.853) = 1.0118$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(2.55)(1.13 - .13)}{1.0118} = 1220 \text{ cfs}$$

DURATION = 2 HR.

$$T_p = 2/2 + .6(0.853) = 1.5118$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(2.55)(1.25 - .13)}{1.5118} = 914 \text{ cfs}$$

TRY RATIONAL METHOD - 2 HR. STORM

$$Q_p = CIA = 1.00 \left( \frac{1.25}{2 \text{ HR}} \right) (640)(2.55) = 1020 \text{ cfs}$$

TRY RATIONAL METHOD - 1-HR. STORM

$$Q_p = CIA = 1.00 \left( \frac{1.13}{1 \text{ HR.}} \right) (640)(2.55) = 1344 \text{ cfs.}$$

(assume no retention on soil after 1 HR.)

USE 1225 cfs



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III RUNOFF

A. 100 YR FLOOD

$$T_P = D/2 + 0.6 T_c$$

$$Q_P = \frac{484(A)(Q)}{T_P}$$

D = Duration (Hrs.)  
 $T_c$  = Time of Concentration (HRS.)  
 A = Area (Mi<sup>2</sup>)  
 Q = Total Rainfall for Specified Duration  
 Q<sub>P</sub> = Peak Flow.

FC-2A - MAINTENANCE AREA

Rainfall Retention Assumptions: Mountains: 0.1"  
 Bajada: 0.15"

Total Retained = 0.15"

$$T_c = 0.45 \text{ HRS.}$$

$$A = 0.39 \text{ mi}^2$$

DURATION = 15 MIN.

$$T_P = 0.25/2 + 0.6(0.45) = 0.395$$

$$Q_P = \frac{484(0.39)(0.39 - 0.15)}{0.395} = 258 \text{ cfs}$$

DURATION = 30 MIN.

$$T_P = 0.5/2 + 0.6(0.45) = 0.52$$

$$Q_P = \frac{484(0.39)(0.52 - 0.15)}{0.52} = 294 \text{ cfs}$$

DURATION = 1-HR.

$$T_P = 1/2 + 0.6(0.45) = 0.77$$

$$Q_P = \frac{484(0.39)(1.21 - 0.15)}{0.77} = 259 \text{ cfs}$$

TRY RATIONAL METHOD - 30 MIN. STORM

$$Q_P = CIA = 1.00 \left( \frac{0.96}{1/2 \text{ HR.}} \right) 640(0.39) = 479 \text{ cfs}$$

(assume no retention by soil after 30 MIN.)

TRY RATIONAL METHOD - 1HR. STORM

$$Q_P = CIA = 1.00 \left( \frac{1.21}{1 \text{ HR.}} \right) 640(0.39) = 302 \text{ cfs}$$

(assume no retention by soil after 1HR.)

USE 300 cfs





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RUNOFF

A. 100 YR. FLOOD

FC-2B - SCHOOL WASH :

Rainfall Retention Assumptions: Mountains : 0.1"  
Bchada : 0.15"

Total Retained = .15"

$$T_c = 0.495 \text{ HRS.}$$

$$A = 0.40 \text{ mi}^2$$

DURATION = 15 MIN.

$$T_p = .25/2 + 0.6(0.495) = 0.422$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(0.4)(0.67 - .15)}{0.422} = 243 \text{ cfs}$$

DURATION = 30 MIN.

$$T_p = .5/2 + 0.6(0.495) = 0.547$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(0.4)(0.96 - .15)}{0.547} = 287 \text{ cfs}$$

DURATION = 1 HR.

$$T_p = 1/2 + 0.6(0.495) = 0.797$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(0.4)(1.21 - 0.15)}{0.797} = 257 \text{ cfs}$$

TRY RATIONAL METHOD - 30 MIN. STORM (assume no retention by soil after 30 min.)

$$Q_p = CIA = 1.00 \left( \frac{0.73}{1/2 \text{ HR.}} \right) 640(0.40) = 493 \text{ cfs}$$

TRY RATIONAL METHOD - 1 HR. STORM (assume no retention by soil after 1 HR.)

$$Q_p = CIA = 1.00 \left( \frac{1.21}{1 \text{ HR.}} \right) 640(0.40) = 310 \text{ cfs}$$

USE 290 cfs



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Area	COW CREEK FC-1			of
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RUNOFF

B. PMP FLOOD

FC-1 - PARK VILLAGE:

Retention Assumptions: Mountains: 0.1"  
Bahada: 0.15"

Total Retained: 40% mts x 0.1" + 60% x 0.15" = 0.13"

$T_c = 0.353$  RS.  $A = 2.55$  mi.<sup>2</sup>

DURATION = 30 MIN.

$$T_p = 0.5/2 + 0.6(0.353) = 0.7618$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(2.55)(4.26 - 0.13)}{0.7618} = 6691 \text{ cfs}$$

DURATION = 45 MIN.

$$T_p = 0.75/2 + 0.6(0.353) = 0.3863$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(2.55)(5.28 - 0.13)}{0.3863} = 7167 \text{ cfs}$$

DURATION = 1 HR.

$$T_p = 1/2 + 0.6(0.353) = 1.0118$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(2.55)(6 - 0.13)}{1.0118} = 7160 \text{ cfs}$$

RV RATIONAL METHOD - 1 HR. STORM

$$Q_p = CIA = 1.00 \left( \frac{6}{\text{HR.}} \right) 640(2.55) = 9792 \text{ cfs}$$

(assume no retention by soil after 1 HR.)

USE 7170 cfs





Park <u>DEATH VALLEY N.P.</u>	NATIONAL PARK SERVICE DENVER SERVICE CENTER		Sheet <u>22</u>
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III RUN OFF

B. PMP FLOOD

$$T_D = 0.5 + 0.6 T_C$$

$$Q_P = \frac{434 (A) (2.33 - \frac{1}{T_D})}{T_D}$$

D = Duration (HRS.)  
 $T_C$  = TIME OF CONCENTRATION (HRS.)  
 A = AREA (MI.<sup>2</sup>)  
 $Q_P$  = TOTAL RAINFALL FOR SPECIFIED DURATION  
 $Q_P$  = PEAK FLOW

FC-2A - MAINTENANCE AREA

Rainfall Retention Assumptions: Mountains: 0.1  
 Bahada: 0.15

$$\text{Total Retained} = 0.15$$

$$T_C = 0.45 \text{ Hrs.}$$

$$A = 0.39 \text{ mi}^2$$

DURATION = 15 MIN.

$$T_D = 0.5 + 0.6 (0.45) = 0.395$$

$$Q_P = \frac{434 (0.39) (2.33 - \frac{1}{0.395})}{0.395} = 1305 \text{ cfs}$$

DURATION = 30 MIN.

$$T_D = 0.5 + 0.6 (0.45) = 0.52$$

$$Q_P = \frac{434 (0.39) (2.33 - \frac{1}{0.52})}{0.52} = 1492 \text{ cfs}$$

DURATION = 45 MIN.

$$T_D = 0.5 + 0.6 (0.45) = 0.645$$

$$Q_P = \frac{434 (0.39) (2.33 - \frac{1}{0.645})}{0.645} = 1520 \text{ cfs}$$

TRY RATIONAL METHOD - 30 MIN. STORM (assume no retention by 30" after 30 MIN.)

$$Q_P = CIA = 1.00 \left( \frac{4.26}{1.5 \text{ H.R.}} \right) 640 (0.39)$$

$$= 2127 \text{ cfs}$$

TRY RATIONAL METHOD - 45 MIN. STORM (assume no retention by 30" after 45 min.)

$$Q_P = CIA = 1.00 \left( \frac{5.23}{1.75 \text{ H.R.}} \right) 640 (0.39)$$

$$= 1757 \text{ cfs}$$

USE 1500 cfs



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III RUNOFF

B PMP FLOOD

FC-2B - SCHOOL WASH :

Rainfall Retention Assumptions : Mountains : 0.1"  
Bakada : 0.15"

Total Retained = .15"

$T_c = 0.495$  HRS.

$A = 0.40$  mi<sup>2</sup>

DURATION = 15 MIN.

$$T_p = .25/2 + 0.6(0.495) = 0.422$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(0.4)(2.38 - .15)}{0.422} = 1252 \text{ cfs}$$

DURATION = 30 MIN.

$$T_p = .5/2 + 0.6(0.495) = 0.547$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(0.4)(4.26 - .15)}{0.547} = 1455 \text{ cfs}$$

DURATION = 45 MIN.

$$T_p = .75/2 + 0.6(0.495) = 0.672$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(0.4)(5.28 - .15)}{0.672} = 1478 \text{ cfs}$$

TRY RATIONAL METHOD - 30 MIN. STORM (assume no retention by soil after 30 MIN.)

$$Q_p = CIA = 1.00 \left( \frac{4.26}{1/2 \text{ HR.}} \right) 340(0.4) = 2181 \text{ cfs}$$

TRY RATIONAL METHOD - 45 MIN. STORM (assume no retention by soil after 1 HR.)

$$Q_p = CIA = 1.00 \left( \frac{5.28}{.75 \text{ HR.}} \right) 340(0.4) = 1802 \text{ cfs}$$

USE 1430 cfs



FURNACE CREEK





## BASELINE FLOODPLAIN ANALYSIS

Death Valley National Monument  
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### REPORT ON AREAS:

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FC-2C	Cow Creek Drainage



#### FURNACE CREEK:

FC-3	NPS Headquarters and Ranch
FC-5	Furnace Creek Inn, Water Supply, & Indian Village
FC-6	Furnace Creek to Zabriskie Point

#### STOVEPIPE WELLS

SP-1	Mosaic Canyon
SP-2	Stovepipe Wells Development

#### EMIGRANT

	Emigrant Canyon
	Emigrant Ranger Station

#### MESQUITE CAMPGROUND

#### SCOTTY'S CASTLE

SC-1	Tie Canyon
SC-2	Castle Area
SC-2	Water Supply
SC-3	Grapevine Canyon

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## FURNACE CREEK AREAS

### GENERAL BACKGROUND

An introduction to the general flood problems of Death Valley, geographic setting, general discussion of precipitation, and the equations used to determine floodflows for different probabilities of frequency are included in a study titled Potential Hazards from Floodflows and Debris Movement in the Furnace Creek Area, by John R. Crippen, USGS. The report identifies the potential problems and gives the extent of flooding for 25-year, 50-year, and 100-year floods for the Furnace Creek fan and the Park Village Area of Nevares Creek.

The Task Directive for Flood Mitigation Studies, Packages 271 and 301, which was approved by Regional Director Howard Chapman on December 10, 1983, designated various areas of concern within the greater Furnace Creek Development as FC-1 through FC-7. FC-1 is the Park Village (Nevares Creek) and FC-2 is the Park Service Development and Maintenance Area (Cow Creek), both of which are examined in the Cow Creek Section of this study.

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this study is to determine (1) the precipitation and runoff for areas FC-3, FC-5, and FC-6 by methods based on gauged rainfall of record and basin characteristics; (2) the extent of flooding at selected critical sections; and (3) the locations which require some method of flood mitigation.

### STUDY AREAS

The areas of concern for this report include five areas which are FC-3, the Headquarters Wash; FC-5, Furnace Creek Inn; FC-5, Water Supply Area; FC-5, Indian Village; and FC-6, Zabriskie Point Area. The areas are indicated on an overall map on page 8, and on more detailed maps on pages 9 through 12. Table 1 on page 13 gives the drainage area characteristics for FC-3, FC-5, and FC-6.

### SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Although this study is to determine the extent of flooding with the existing conditions, the extent of flooding for the Furnace Creek Inn Area was determined for the existing conditions; for FC-5 only by assuming no flow from FC-6; for FC-5 plus the 10-year maximum flow from FC-6; and for FC-5 and all of the flow from FC-6.



The amount of flow from FC-6 depends on how much of the flow is diverted into Gower Gulch at Zabriskie Point.

For the water intake area in Furnace Creek, the sections and flood extent were determined for the flow from FC-5 plus the 10-year maximum flow from FC-6. For comparison, the extent of flows for the existing conditions, for forcing all of FC-6 to enter FC-5, and for preventing any of FC-6 from entering FC-5 are shown on additional sections at Section 5E.

#### METHODOLOGY

Precipitation for the 100-year storm was determined using the procedures and isopluvials in NOAA ATLAS 2, Volume XI, prepared by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Precipitation for the probable maximum thunderstorm was determined using the procedures and isohyets as prescribed in DESIGN OF SMALL DAMS, Second Edition, Bureau of Reclamation.

Runoff was determined by the procedures described in DESIGN OF SMALL DAMS, using USGS Topographic Maps; Furnace Creek, Calif.; Big Dune, Nev.-Calif.; Ryan, Calif.-Nev.; and Funeral Peak, Calif.

Precipitation and runoff for the areas are summarized in Table 2 on page 14.

Flood extents at critical sections were determined using Manning's Formula with an "n" value of 0.045 and cross-sections of the drainages taken on-site or from sections taken from half-size prints of Drawing Number 143-41016A. These same plans were used to show the locations of the sections for the Furnace Creek Fan Area. The locations of sections for Zabriski Point are shown on a one-half size copy of Drawing Number 143-41092.

#### FC-3 HEADQUARTERS WASH RESULTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Results: As indicated on the aerial photograph on page 15 and the topography map on page 16, the 100-year flood and the probable maximum flood will flow directly to the Visitor Center (Headquarters Building). The flow may spread over a wide area and only be one to two feet deep; however, it is also likely that the flow may channelize and scour a channel only a few hundred feet wide and several feet deep. The Headquarters Building lies at the low point in the drainage and is in the most vulnerable location. The 100-year flood will be contained mostly on the south side of the wash as far down as the Texas Spring Campground access road. The flow will then spread out until it is contained again at the depression formed at the junction between the Headquarters Wash Fan and the Furnace





Creek Fan. The probable maximum runoff will spread out over the fan; however, the sections indicate that 70 percent of the flow or 10,330 cubic feet per second will be channeled to the vicinity of the Headquarters Building. At the local drainage grade of three percent, this would be a stream 200 feet wide and four feet deep.

Recommendations for further study and flood mitigation: The apparent solution is to divert the flow to the north side of the Headquarters Wash Fan. Two diversion dikes would be required: one about 600 feet upstream of the Texas Spring Campground access road; and one just above the abandoned airstrip and trailer parking area to divert flows on the lower fan area. How these changes will affect the lower flows and local drainage around the trailer parking and the Visitor Center should also be examined.

### FC-5 FURNACE CREEK INN RESULTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Results: The approximate locations of sections 5A and 5B are shown on the color photograph on page 22. Sections showing the flood depth and extent at 5A and 5B were prepared for four sets of conditions: 1) flows at the existing conditions, 2) flows from FC-5 only, 3) flows from FC-5 plus the 10-year flow from FC-6, and 4) all of the flow from FC-5 and FC-6.

1. Flows for existing conditions are the runoff from FC-5 plus any overflow from FC-6. Since there is no overflow from FC-6 at the 100-year flow, the entire flow for the 100-year runoff is from FC-5, which is 9,050 cubic feet per second (CFS). The probable maximum runoff will be the flow from FC-5 plus the overflow from FC-6 which will total approximately 90,000 CFS.

Sections 5A and 5B on page 23 indicate that for the 100-year flow the roadway will be covered by about two feet and that water will be about two feet high at the service building. For the probable maximum flow, Section 5A shows a depth of eight feet over the roadway and a depth of over three feet at a vertical wall to protect the dormitories. Section 5B shows a depth of  $8\frac{1}{2}$  feet over roadway and around the service building. The motel-unit dormitories between Sections 5A and 5B would have about one foot of water at the 100-year flood and from five to six feet of water at the probable maximum flood.

2. Flows from FC-5 only is the runoff at the Inn if all of the flow from FC-6 is diverted into Gower Gulch. The flows are 9,050 CFS for the 100-year flow and 41,100 CFS for the probable maximum flow.



Sections 5A and 5B on page 24 indicate that for the 100-year flow the roadway will be covered by about two feet of water and that the water will be about two feet high at the service building. For the probable maximum flow, Section 5A shows a depth of five feet over the roadway with a threat of less than a foot to the dormitories; and Section 5B shows a depth of  $5\frac{1}{2}$  feet over the roadway and around the service building. Flow at the motel dormitories will be up to one foot for the 100-year flood and three feet for the probable maximum flood.

3. Flows from FC-5 and the 10-year flow from FC-6 would be the combined flow of 23,800 CFS for the 100-year flow and 55,850 CFS for the probable maximum flow. Sections 5A and 5B on page 25 indicate that for a 100-year flow the water will cover the roadway about three feet and will be about three feet high at the service building. For the probable maximum flood, Section 5A shows a depth of  $6\frac{1}{2}$  feet over the roadway and a depth of over one foot at a vertical wall protecting the dormitories; and Section B shows a depth of  $6\frac{1}{2}$  feet over the roadway and around the service building. Flow at the motel-unit dormitories will be one to two feet deep for the 100-year flood and three to four feet deep for the probable maximum flood.
4. All the flow from FC-5 and FC-6 would be 27,000 CFS for the 100-year flood and 90,000 CFS for the probable maximum storm. Sections 5A and 5B on page 26 indicate that for a 100-year flow the water will cover the roadway about four feet and be about four feet deep around the service building. For the probable maximum flood, Section 5A shows a depth of eight feet over the roadway and a depth of over three feet at a vertical wall protecting the dormitories. Section B shows a depth of  $8\frac{1}{2}$  feet over the roadway and around the service building. The motel-unit dormitories between Section 5A and 5B will have about two feet of water for the 100-year flood and five to six feet of water for the probable maximum flood.

Recommendations: Regardless of who is responsible for the protection of life and property, some flood precautions and mitigation should be made. Some type of advance warning should be available to employees at the service building at Section 5B; a low retaining wall should be constructed for the employee dormitories; and the use of the motel-unit dormitories should be phased out or used for storage.

#### FC-5 FURNACE CREEK WATER INTAKE RESULTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Results: The locations of Sections 5C through 5G are indicated on page 27 and page 28. Sections showing flood depths and extents at 5A through 5G for the flow from FC-5 plus the 10-year flow from FC-6 are on pages 29 through 33. For comparison, flood depths and extents at Section 5E for the flow at existing conditions, flow from FC-5 only, and all the flow from FC-5 and FC-6 combined are shown on pages 34 through 36. Page 28 is a plan of the flood extents for the flow from FC-5 plus the 10-year flow from FC-6.



For the combined flow from FC-5 plus 10-year flow from FC-6, the flow will be seven feet deep, and all the intake features within the wash including the collection lines, headwalls, overflow, overflow percolation lines, and the collection box will be washed out during a major flood of 100-year frequency or longer. Also for this combined flow, runoff from storms of only 5 to 10-year frequency could cause problems to the sump line and overflow by scouring out the lines and by dumping silty water into the overflow. The probable maximum flow will be  $10\frac{1}{2}$  feet deep which will endanger the highway by washing out the embankment.

At Section 5E the flow for existing conditions will be  $4\frac{1}{2}$  feet deep for the 100-year flood which will destroy the water intake features within the wash, and the probable maximum flood will be  $13\frac{1}{2}$  feet deep which will also inundate and wash out the highway.

The flow from only FC-5 at Section E for the 100-year flood will be  $4\frac{1}{2}$  feet deep which would destroy the intake features within the wash, and the probable maximum flood will be nine feet deep, which will endanger the highway.

The flow from FC-5 and all of FC-6 combined at Section E for the 100-year flood would be  $7\frac{1}{2}$  feet deep which would destroy the intake features within the wash, and the probable maximum flood would be  $13\frac{1}{2}$  feet deep which will inundate and wash out the highway.

Recommendations: For the 100-year flood flow from FC-5 and the 10-year flow from FC-6 combined, a diversion dike 10 feet high should be constructed around the collection box in the wash. An eight-foot dike around the sump collection lines and headwall should be examined for feasibility and cost effectiveness. The sump line overflow should be connected to a new line which can be daylighted within the protective dike for the collection box. No protection for the stilling well and percolation trench for the collection box overflow line should be provided. Complete protection cannot be constructed since the percolation trench extends across the width of the wash. Also, destruction of the stilling well and percolation trench will not affect the collection system.

For the existing conditions and for diverting all of the flow from FC-6 down Gower Gulch, a diversion dike four feet high around the collection box would be required.

For the intake area, the best solution is to divert as much of FC-6 as possible from entering FC-5. Possibly, a flow from FC-6 of up to the 2 to 5-year maximum would protect the intake and allow sufficient water resource rejuvenation.





## FC-6 ZABRISKIE POINT RESULTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Results: The map on page 8 shows the entire 188 square-mile FC-6 area. Also, pages 9 through 12 show reduced USGS quadrangle sheets with topography of the FC-6 area. Page 37 is a reduction of a portion of Drawing Number 143-41092 of the Zabriskie Area and gives the locations of Sections FC-6A through FC-6E which are on pages 38 through 42.

The 100-year flood will be contained within the Furnace Creek wash and will be diverted down Gower Gulch. A small amount of flow from the upper portion of Zabriskie Wash to the east side of Highway 190 will remain on the east side of the highway and not be diverted into Gower Gulch; however, the flow should be insignificant.

The probable maximum flood down Furnace Creek Wash may barely be contained south of the highway as shown on Sections FC-6A, 6B, and 6C. The high velocity of flood water on the road embankment, however, will most likely wash out the highway. Gower Gulch will contain and divert approximately 39,000 CFS from Furnace Creek Wash and approximately 50,000 CFS will overflow Gower Gulch and continue down Furnace Creek Wash as indicated by the flood extent map on page 37. Large flows up to 15,000 CFS can be expected to flow down Zabriskie Wash as part of a maximum storm in that portion of the drainage and this flow would wash out Highway 190 at the wash and highway crossing.

Recommendations: The objective at Zabriskie Point is to have all flow from the Furnace Creek Wash drainage basin (FC-6) continue down Furnace Creek Wash up to the 10-year flood runoff. Runoff in excess of the 10-year flow of 14,750 CFS will be diverted down Gower Gulch. To accomplish the above requirements, it is recommended that all the flow from Furnace Creek Wash be intercepted by a channel located between Sections 6A and 6B. The channel will be constructed at a low gradient to prevent abrasion of the channel lining and to contain a flowing capacity of 14,750 CFS. Any flow in excess of 14,750 CFS will flow over the channel and continue down the wash and be diverted into Gower Gulch. The channel will continue down the wash and cross Zabriskie Wash just south of Highway 190. Again, flow will cross the channel and flow in excess of 14,750 CFS will spill over the channel and continue into Gower Gulch. The channel will then continue down to the north of the Zabriskie Point access trail and terminate. The flow will then follow natural wash channels down Furnace Creek. Gower Gulch capacity will have to accommodate 75,000 CFS and should be widened. The highway at the Zabriskie Wash crossing should be designed to withstand large flows and may require some grade and horizontal realignment to direct flow into the Furnace Creek channel which bypasses Gower Gulch. A bridge or dip will be required where the channel crosses the Zabriskie Point access trail.

The channel will have sloping sides of one or two or flatter so that animals and humans will not fall into, or be trapped within the channel.



The channel will most likely be constructed of concrete and will have a wide bottom for removing sediment by machinery.

The above assumptions could be changed to accommodate up to the 2 or 5 year flood flow from FC-6, which would substantially reduce the cost of flood mitigation downstream at the Furnace Creek water intake.

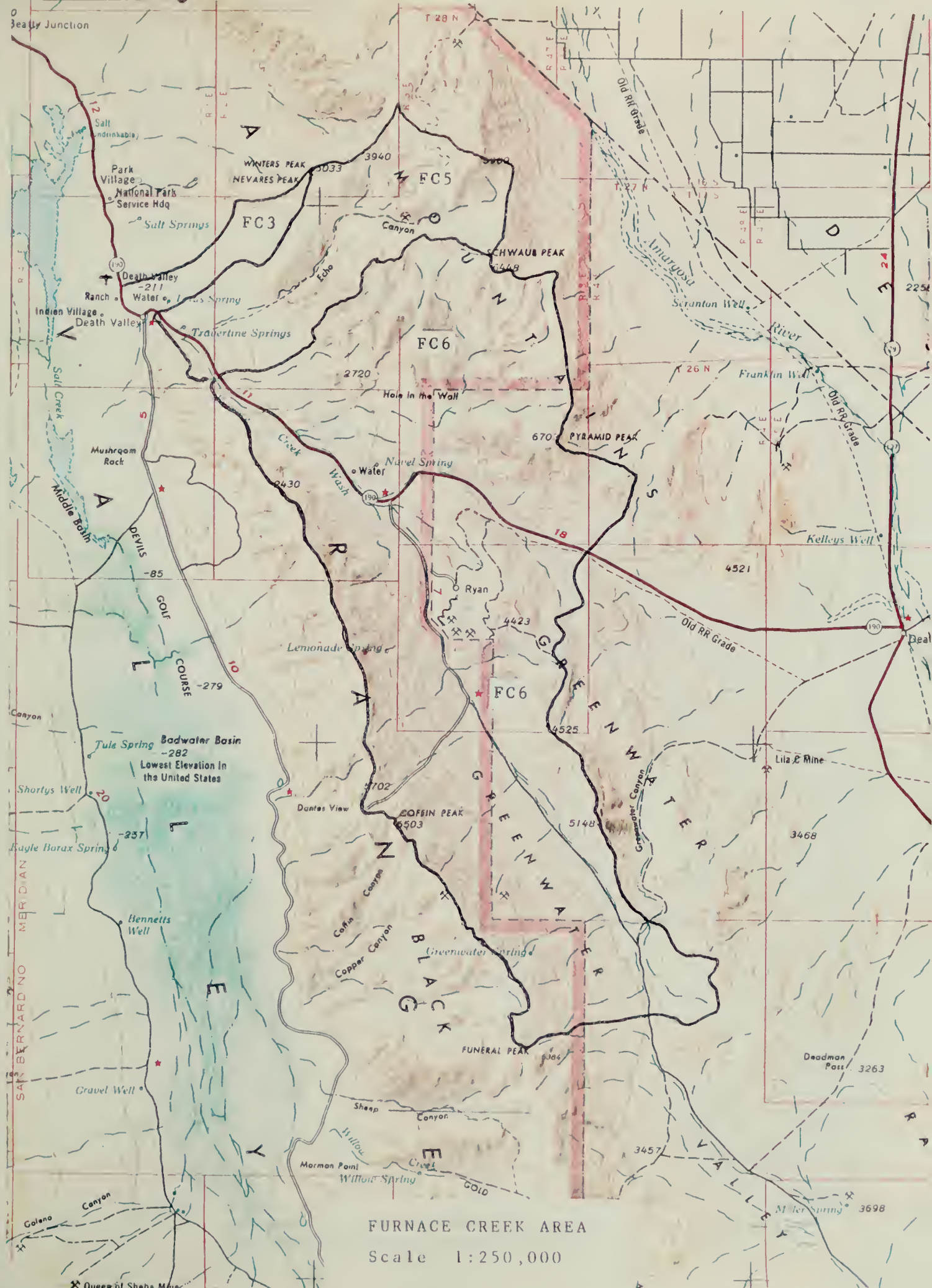
#### FC-5 INDIAN VILLAGE RESULTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Results: The location of the Indian Village is on the lower portion of the Furnace Creek Fan as indicated on page 8. The flow from FC-5 will spread out over the fan and could affect the Indian Village, especially if the flow becomes channelized.

Recommendations: To prevent flood waters from entering the Indian Village, a low dike could be constructed above the village to divert floodwaters to the south of the village.





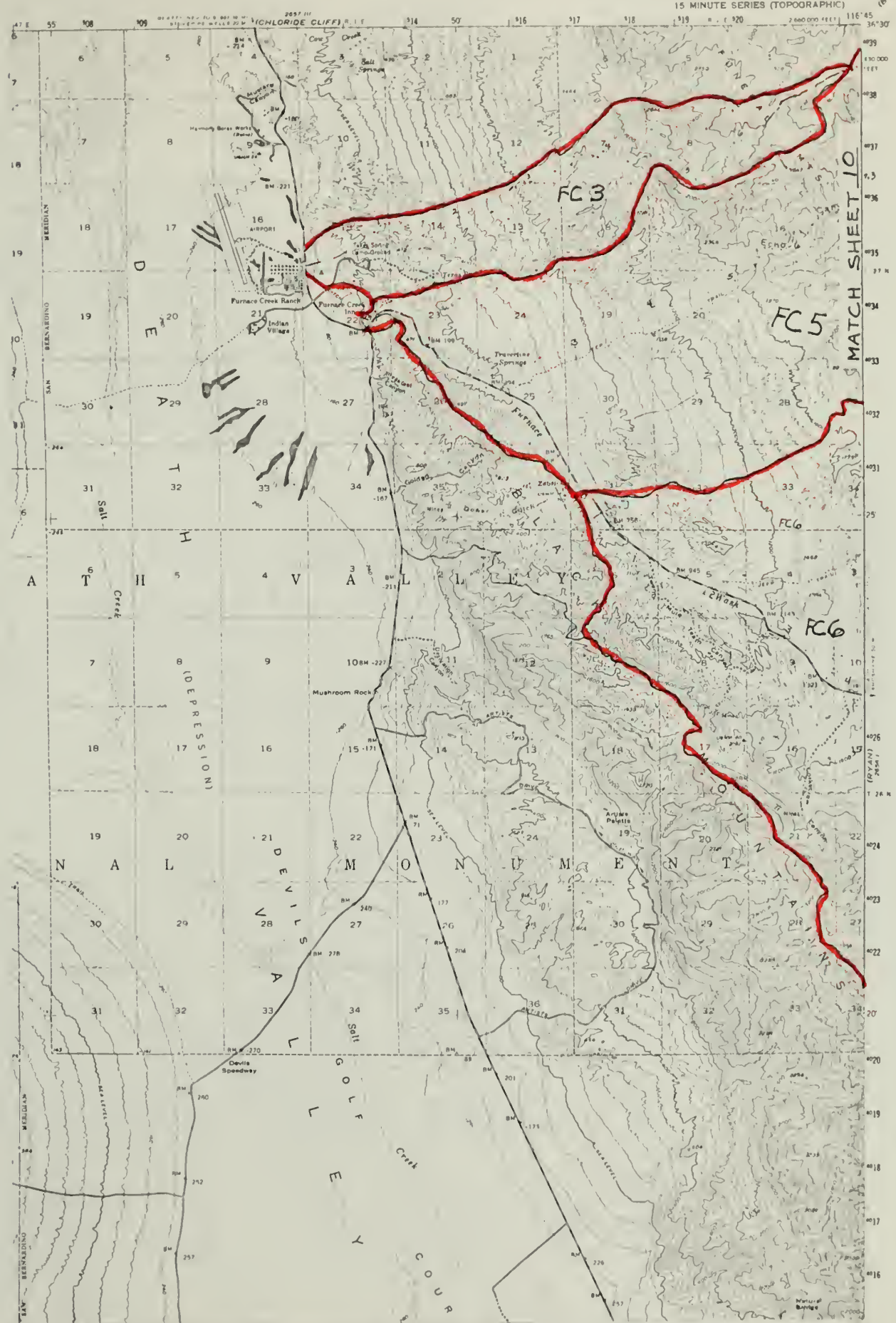


FURNACE CREEK AREA

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FC 5

FC 5

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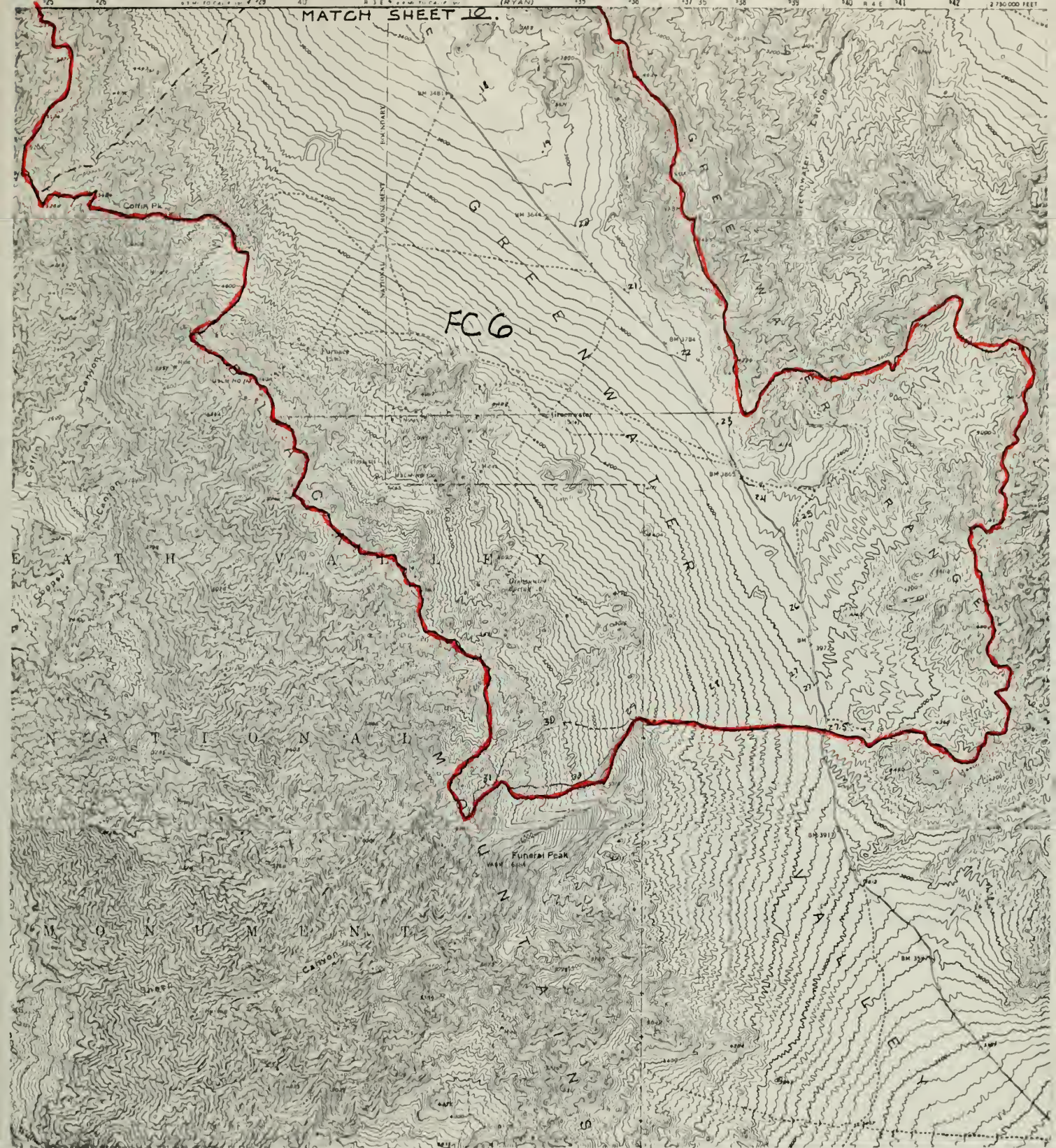
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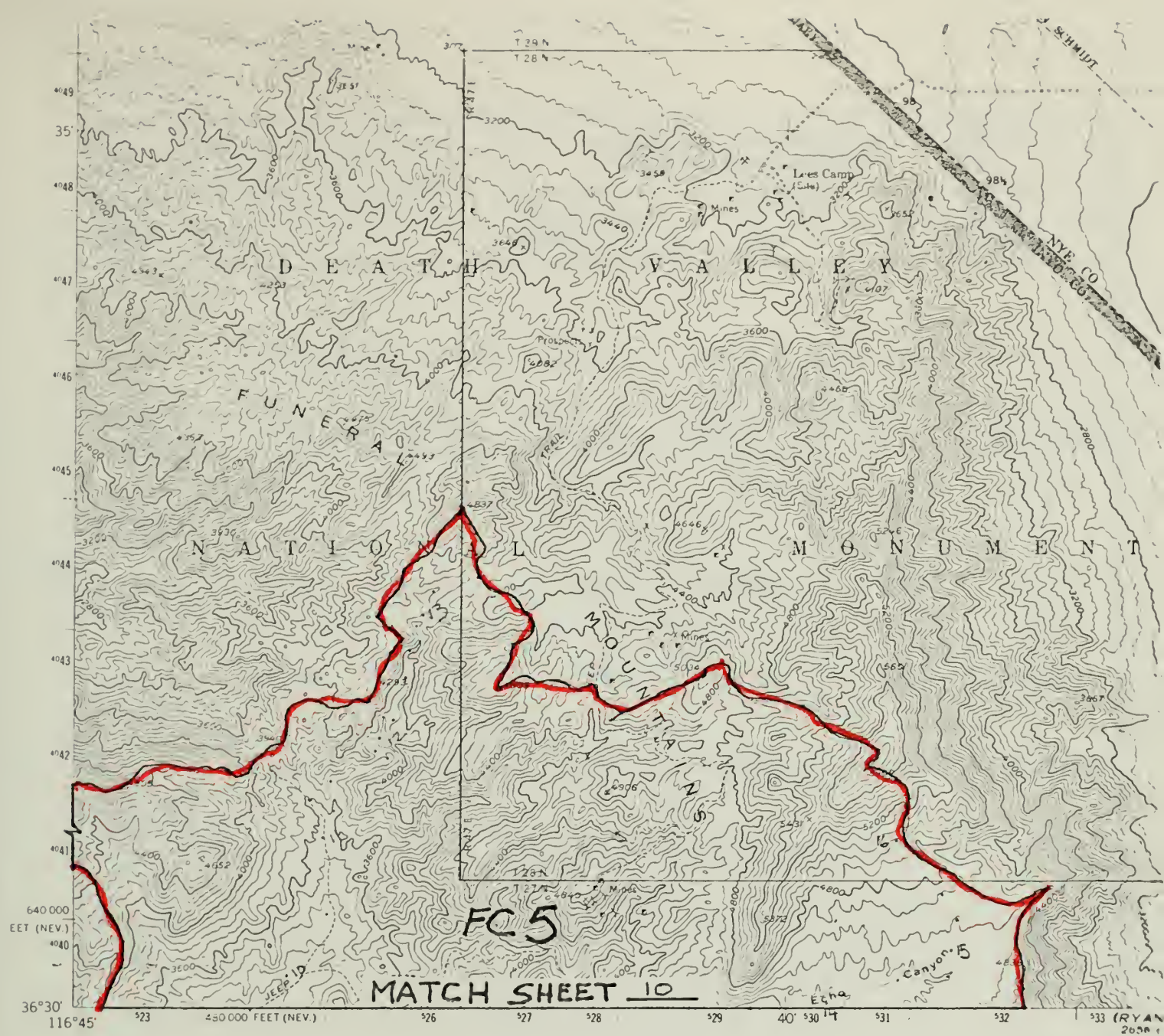
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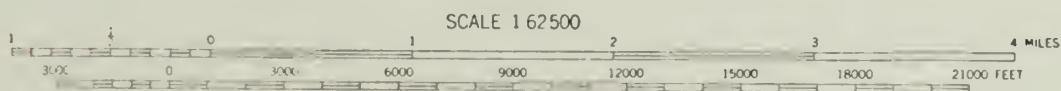








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TABLE I - DRAINAGE AREAS CHARACTERISTICS

AREA NAME	AREA (MILES <sup>2</sup> )	LENGTH (MILES)	TIME OF CONC. (MIN.)	ELEV. MAX. (FT.)	ELEV. MIN. (FT.)	AVE CHANNEL SLOPE
FC-23 Cow Creek School	0.40	2.25	27.5	520	-120	0.071
FC-3 HQ Wash	6.05	7.4	62.0	4213	-180	0.106
FC-5 Furnace Cr. Inn	39.38	16.2	145	5200	00	0.061
FC-6 Zadonski Point General Storm	188.17	27.5	313	4050	670	0.023
FC-6 PMP Storm	100	12.5	116	4800	670	0.063

\* Formula for Time of Concentration =  $T_c = \left( \frac{11.9 \cdot L^3}{\Delta E} \right)^{.385}$   
 L = Length in Miles;  $\Delta E$  = Diff. in Elev. in Ft.  
 T<sub>c</sub> in hours.





# TABLE 2 - PRECIPITATION & RUNOFF

AREA NAME	FC-3 HQ WASH	FC-5 FURNACE CREEK INN	FC-5, 6: FC-5 + 10 YR. ZAB. OVFL.	FC-6 ZABRISKIE PT.
FREQ. - DURATION	INCHES	INCHES	INCHES	INCHES
<u>10 YR. PRECIP.</u>				
30 MIN.				0.36
1 HR.				0.64
2 HR.				0.73
3 HR.				0.85
6 HR.				1.08
12 HR.				1.67
24 HR.				2.02
<u>100 YR. PRECIP.</u>				
30 MIN.	0.78	0.67		0.54
1 HR.	1.00	0.96		0.80
2 HR.	1.13	1.26		1.20
3 HR.	1.24	1.45		1.22
6 HR.				1.62
12 HR.				2.23
<u>PMP PRECIP.</u>				
30 MIN.	3.97	-		-
1 HR.	5.6	4.14		3.09
1.5 HR.	6.55	4.84		3.62
2 HR.	7.06	5.22		3.89
2.5 HR.	-	5.44		4.06
3 HR.		5.55		4.14
<u>GENERAL TYPE STORM</u>				
3 HR				1.55
6 HR				2.46
8 HR.				2.90
10 HR.				3.35
12 HR.				3.76
14 HR.				4.08
10 YEAR RUNOFF				14,750 CFS
100 YEAR RUNOFF	2,400 CFS	9,050 CFS	23,800 CFS	23,000 CFS
PMP RUNOFF	14,400 CFS	41,100 CFS	55,850 CFS	89,200 CFS
GENERAL STORM MAX. RUNOFF				36,500 CFS

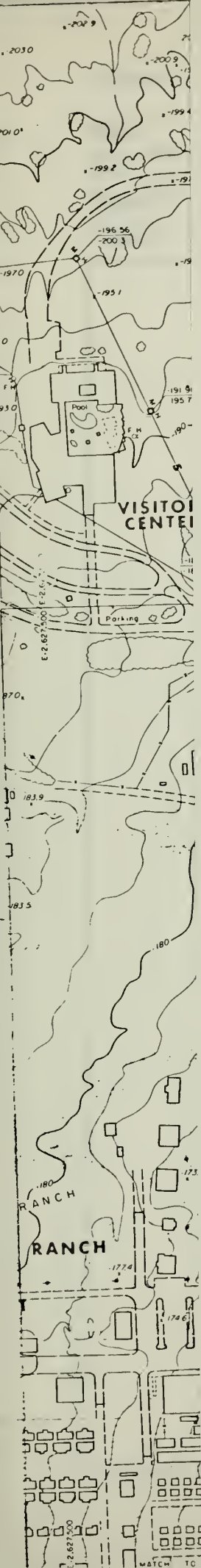












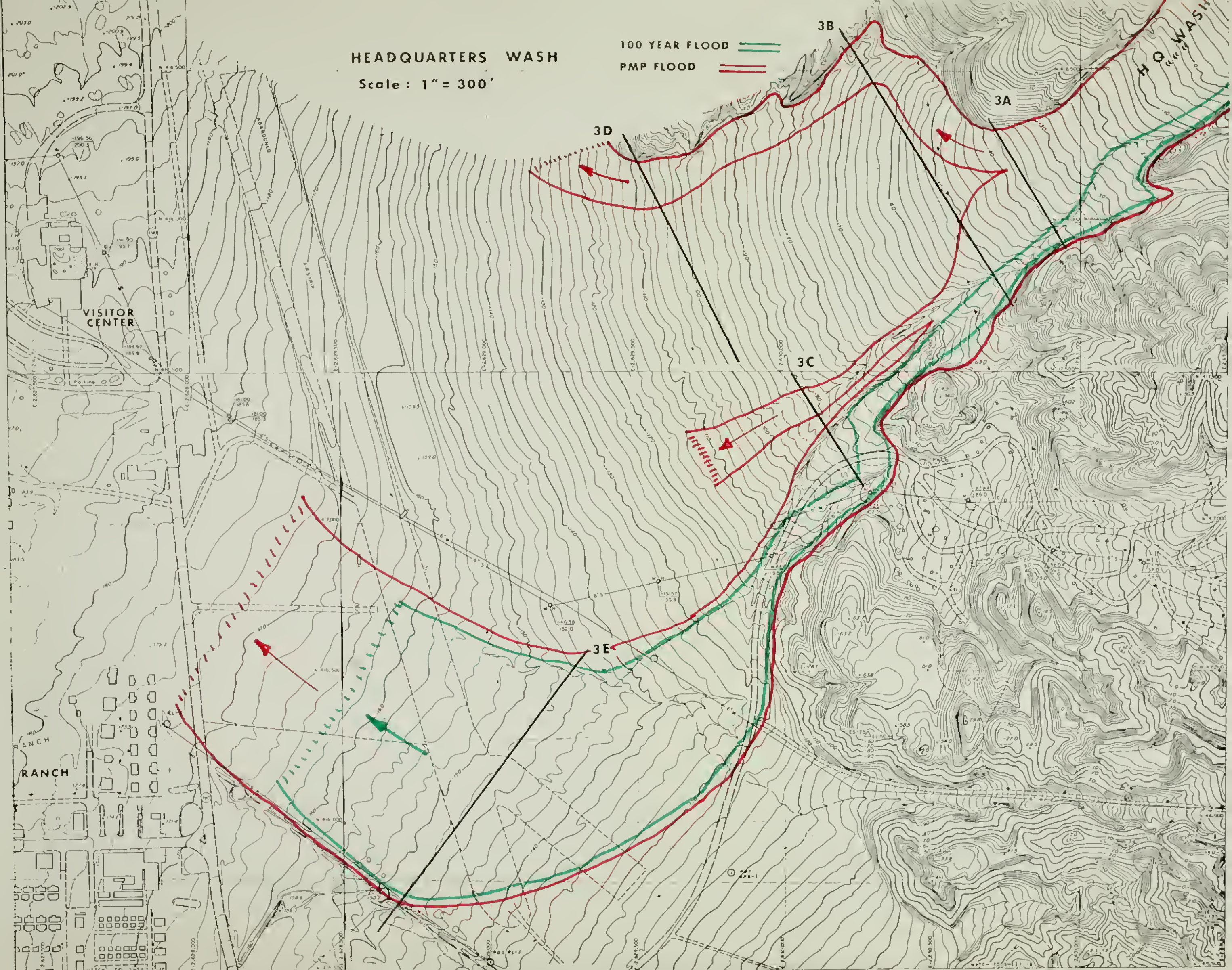


HEADQUARTERS WASH

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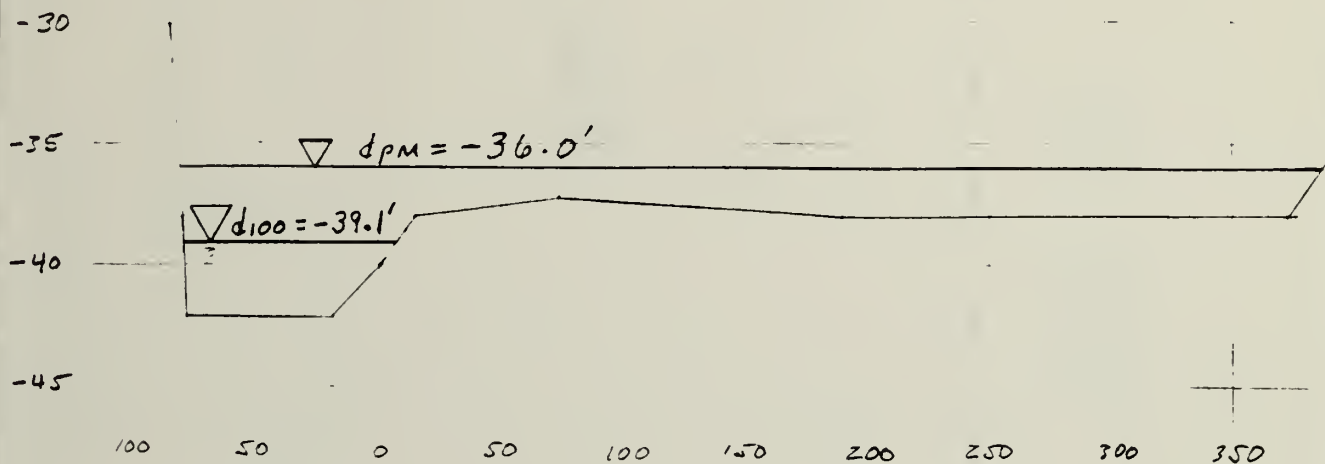
100 YEAR FLOOD

PMP FLOOD





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$$Q_{100} = 2400 \text{ cfs}$$

$$V_{100} = 11.2 \text{ fps}$$

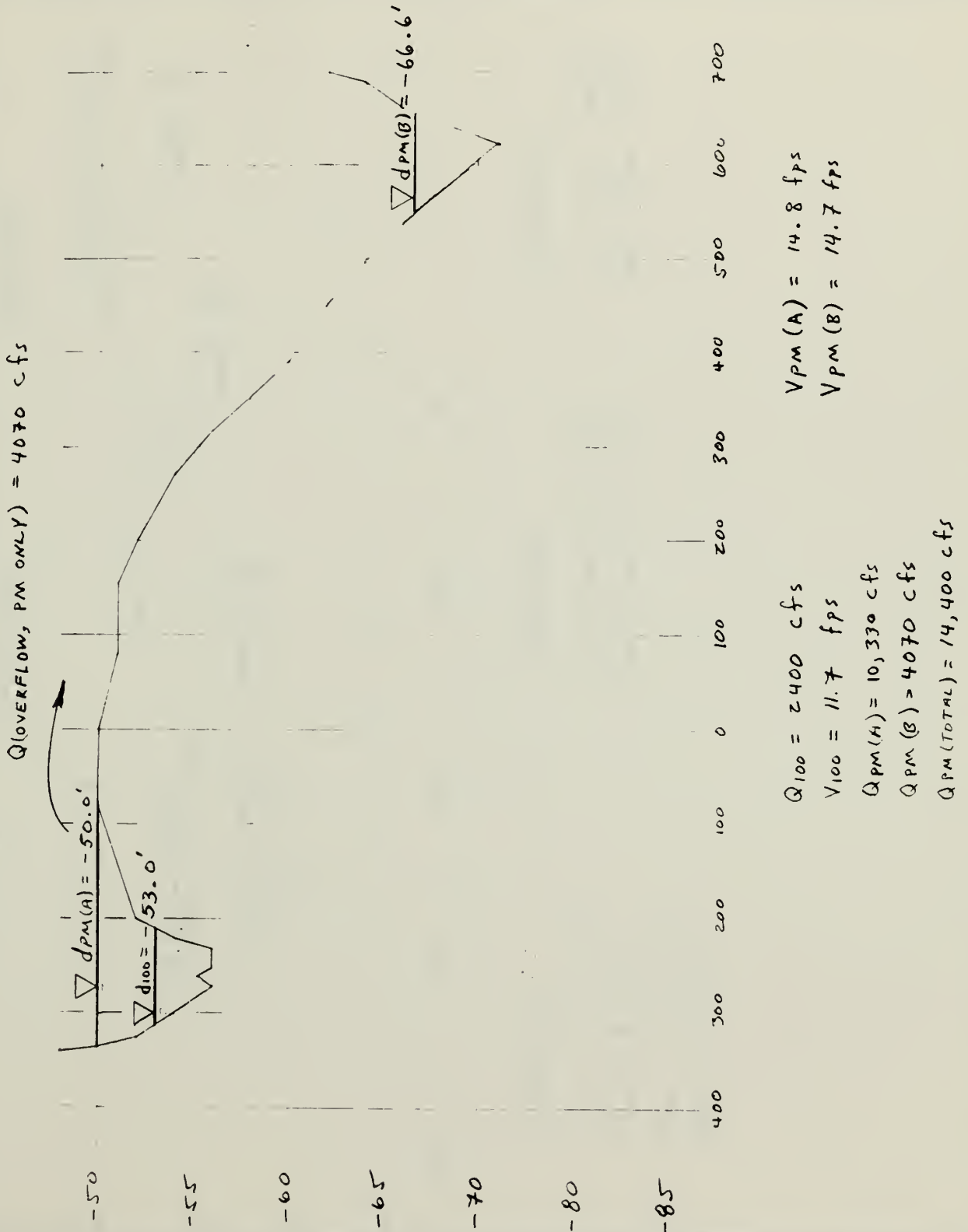
$$Q_{pm} = 14,400 \text{ cfs}$$

$$V_{pm} = 11.8 \text{ fps}$$



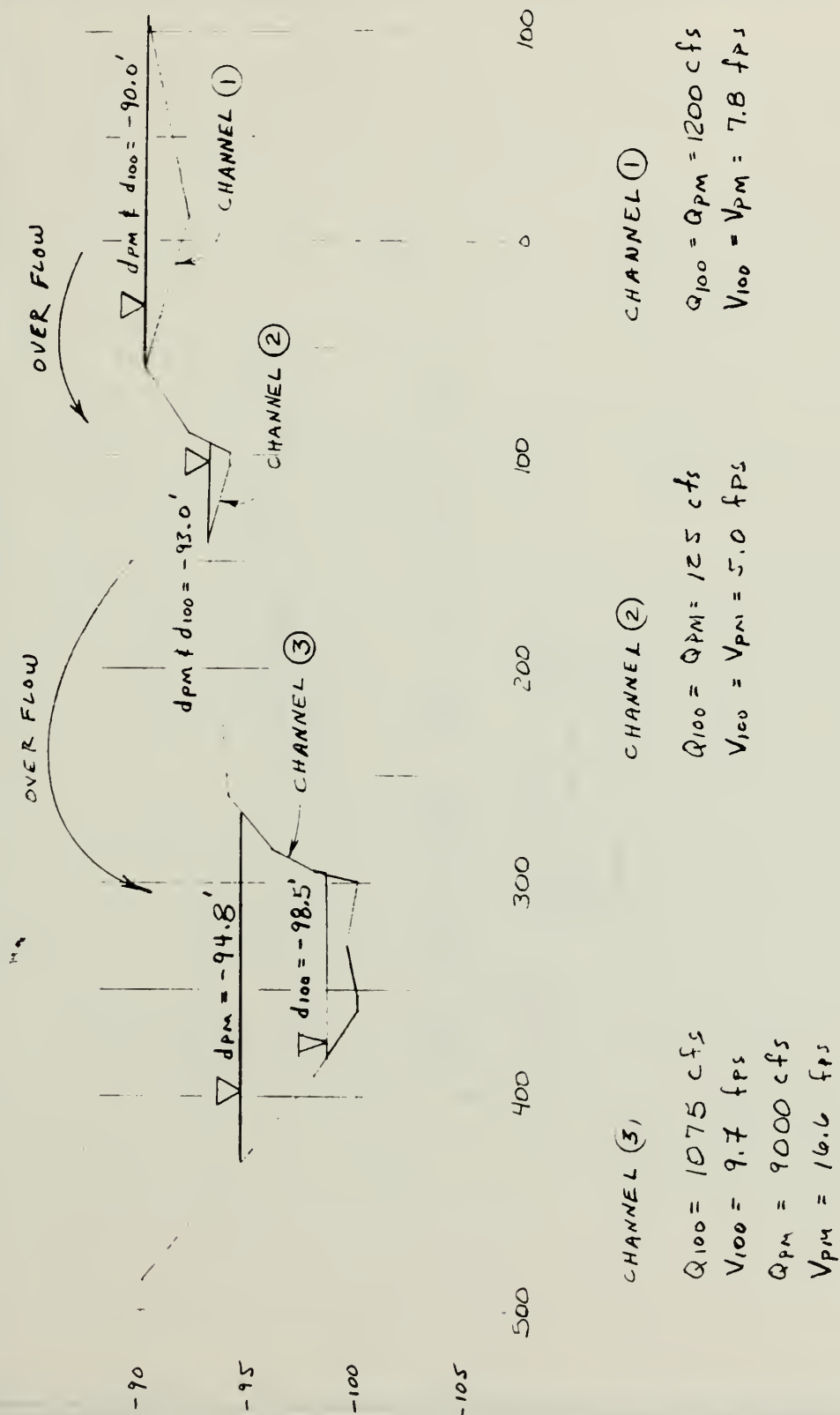


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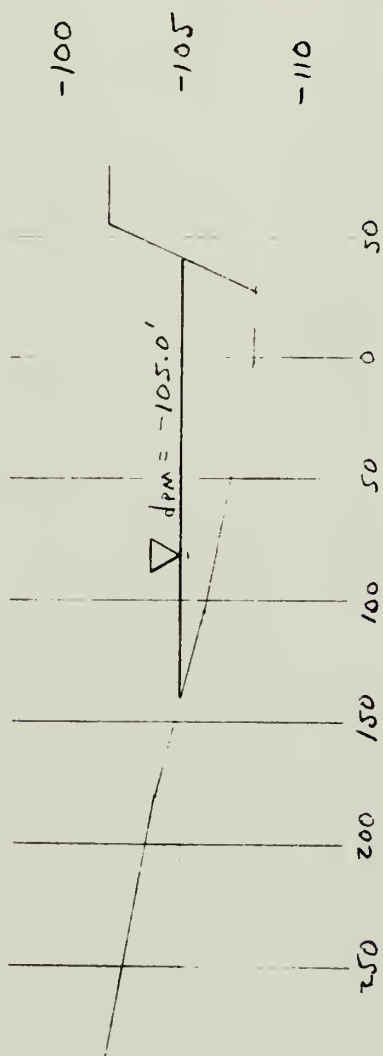


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Project	By	R.G.	Checked	Pkg.	
Feature	SECTION FC-3C	Date	6/22/84	Date	Account





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Feature	SECTION FC-3D	Date	6/28/54	Date	
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				Account	

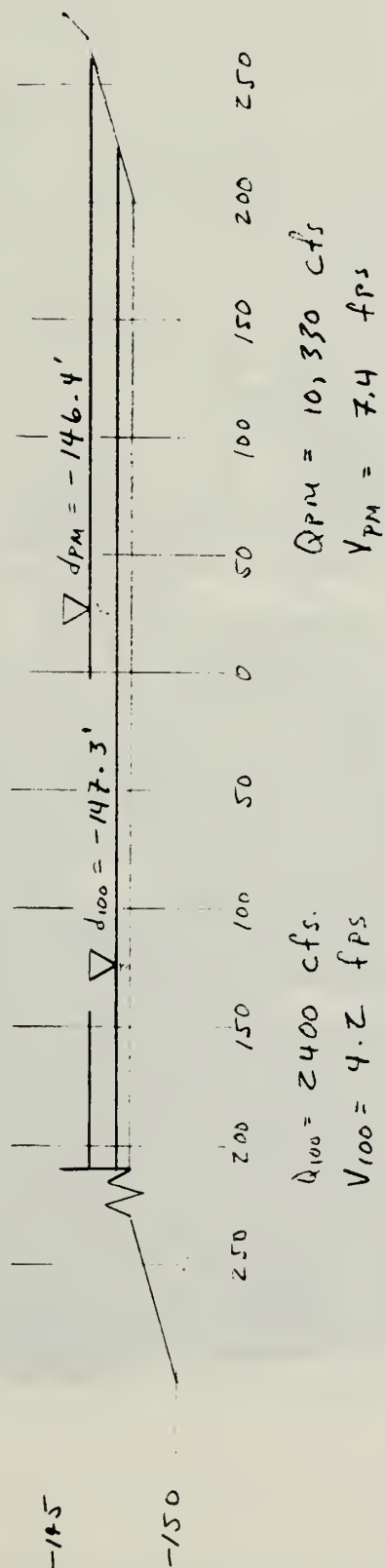


NOTE: PAI FLORA ONLY  
 $Q_{PM} = 4070$  cfs  
 $V_{PM} = 11.2$  fps





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Feature	SECTION FC - 3E	Date	6/20/24	Date	Account









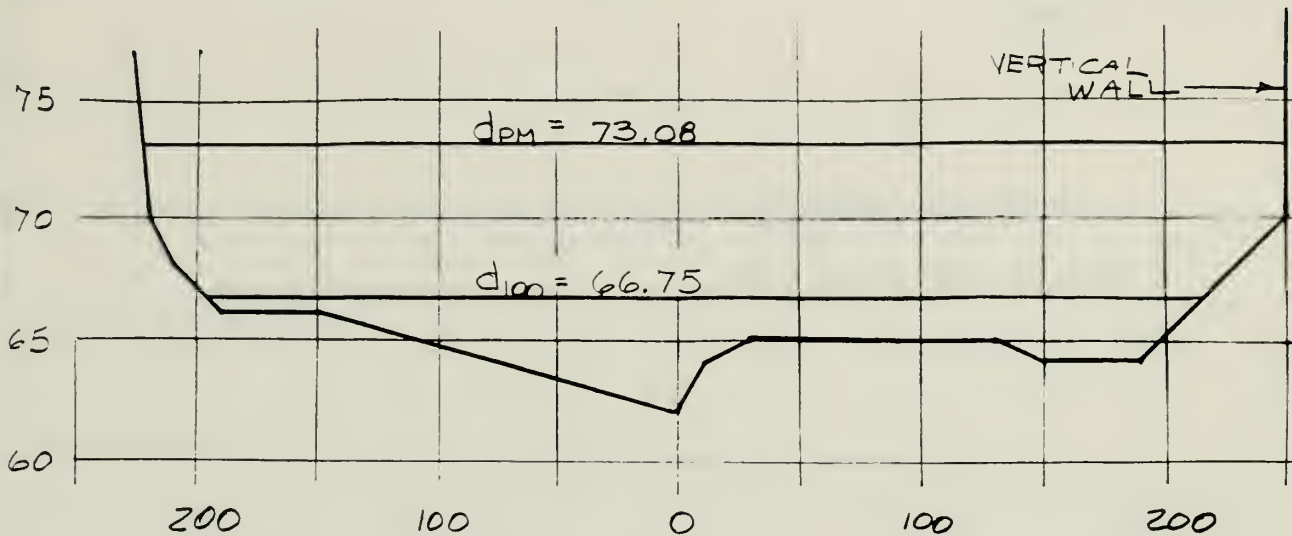
FURNACE CREEK INN AREA FC-5







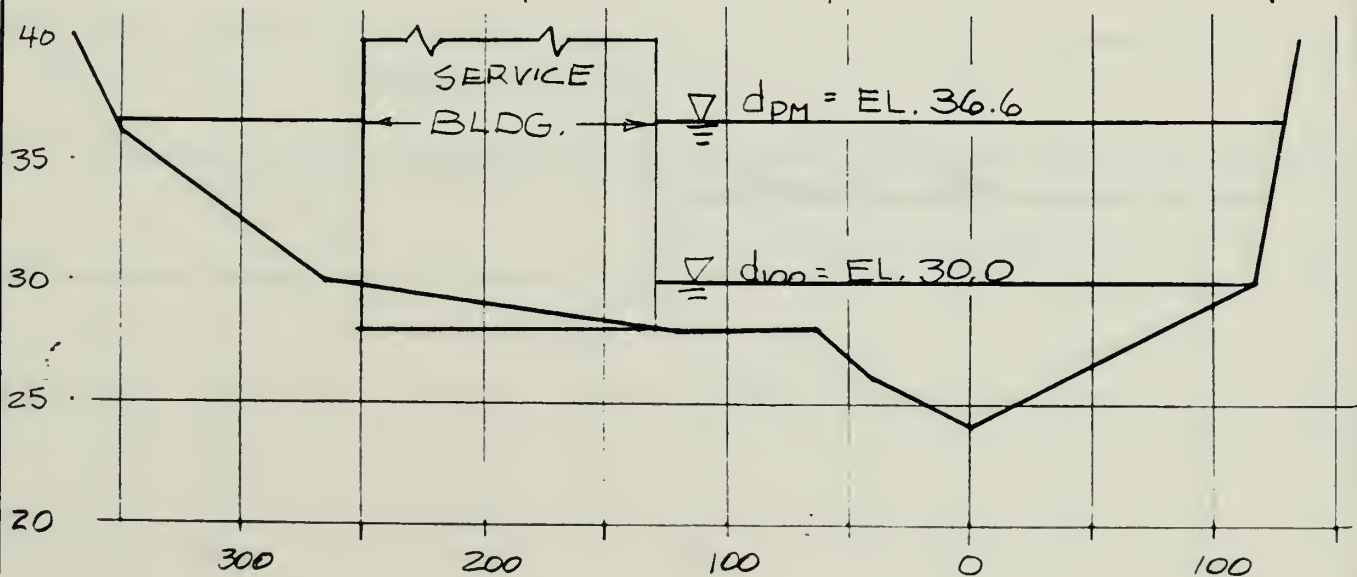
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Project	By	Checked	Pkg.
Feature <u>FLOW AT EXISTING CONDITIONS</u>	Date	Date	Account



## SECTION 5A

$Q_{100}$  = Flow from FC-5 on  $\Delta$  = 9,050 CFS

$Q_{PM}$  = Flow from FC-5 plus over flow from FC-6 = 90,000 cfs

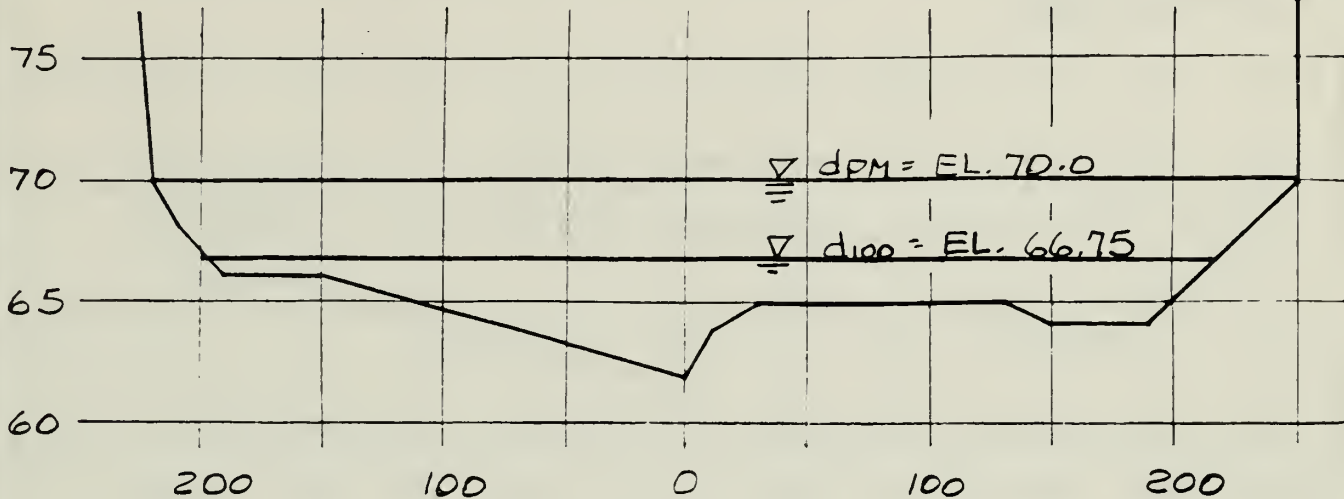


## SECTION 5B



Park	NATIONAL PARK SERVICE DENVER SERVICE CENTER		Sheet 24
Area			of
Project	By	Checked	Pkg.
Feature <u>FLOW WITH ALL OF FC-6</u> <u>DIVERTED DOWN GOWER GULCH</u>	Date	Date	Account

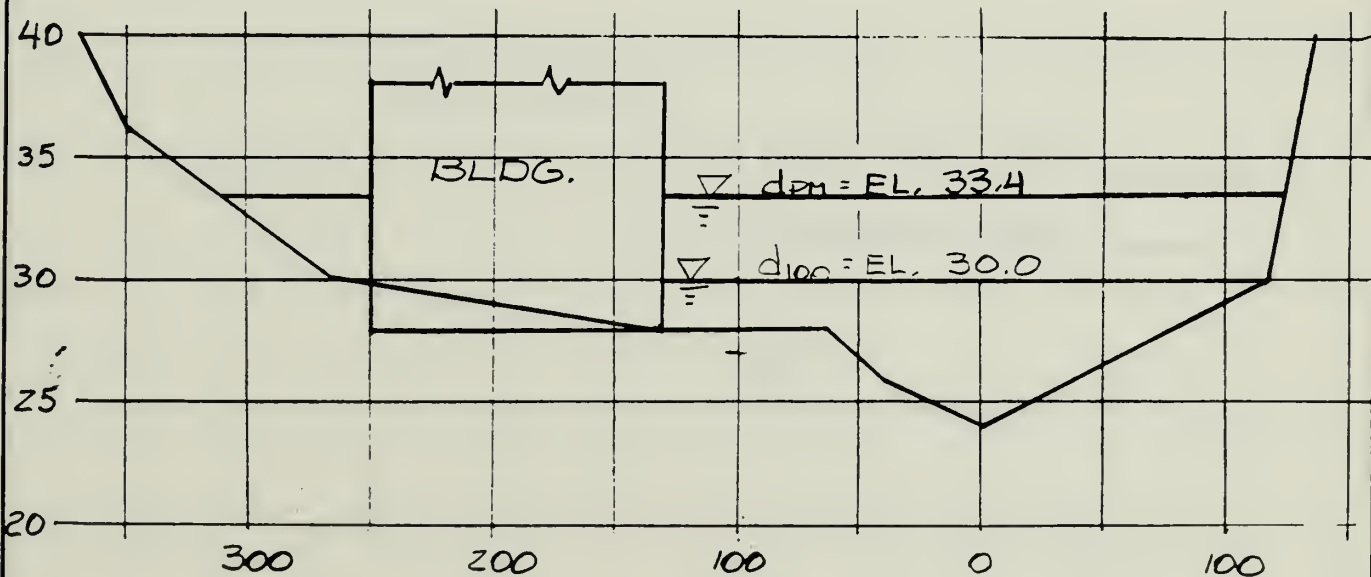
VERTICAL WALL



## SECTION 5A

$Q_{100}$  = Flow from FC-5 Only (No FC-6) = 9,050

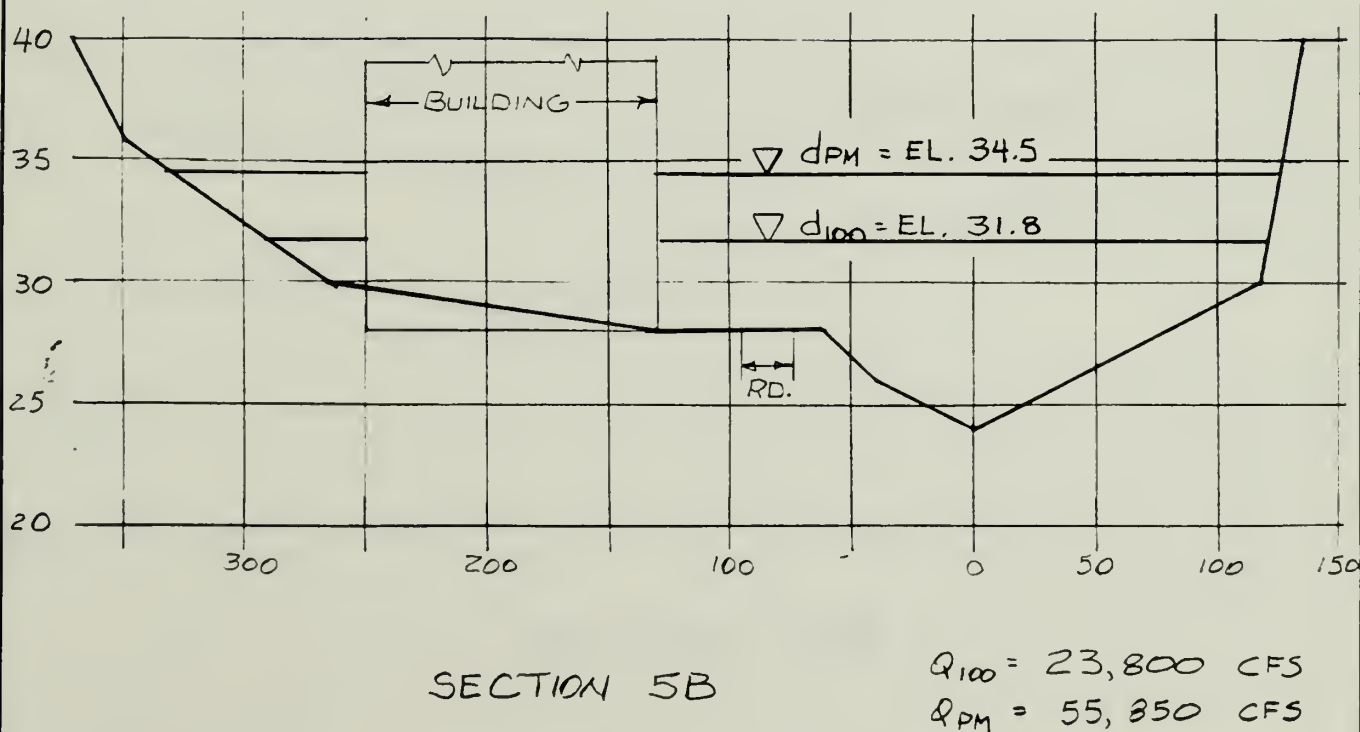
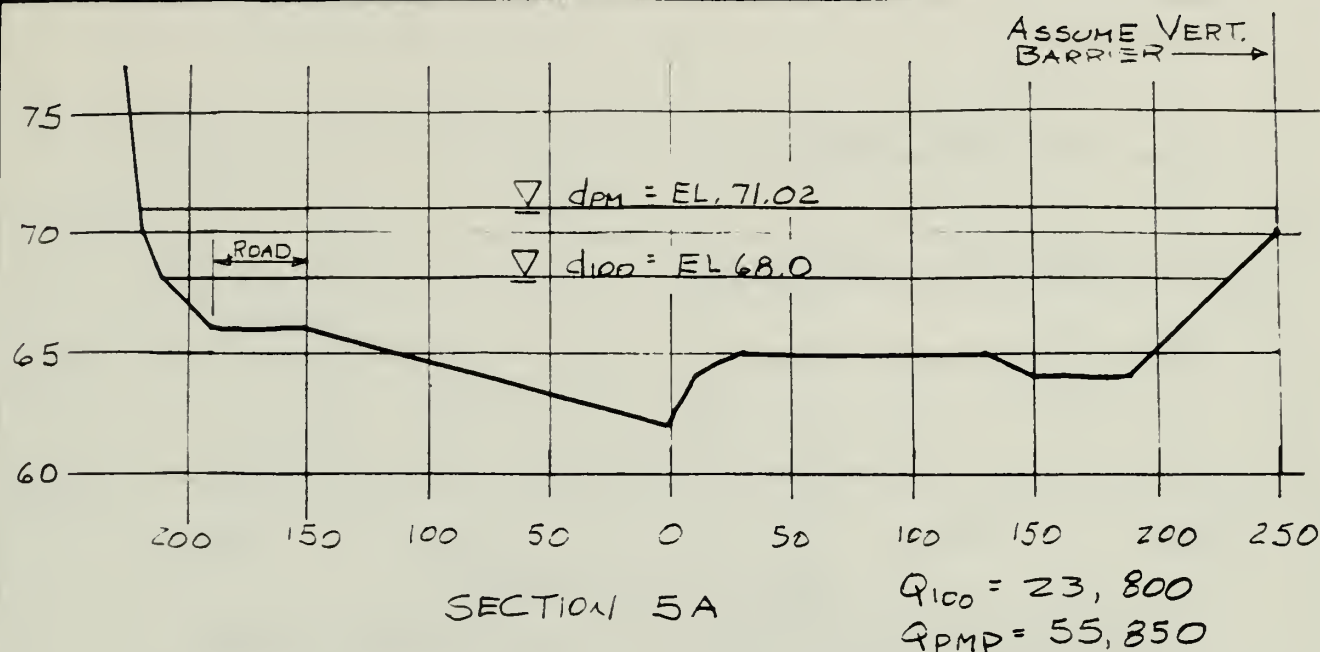
$Q_{PM}$  = Flow from FC-5 Only (No FC-6) = 41,100 CFS



## SECTION 5B



Park	NATIONAL PARK SERVICE DENVER SERVICE CENTER		Sheet 25
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Project	By RFB	Checked	Pkg.
Feature FLOW FROM EC-5 PLUS THE 10-YEAR FLOW FROM EC-6	Date 12/84	Date	Account

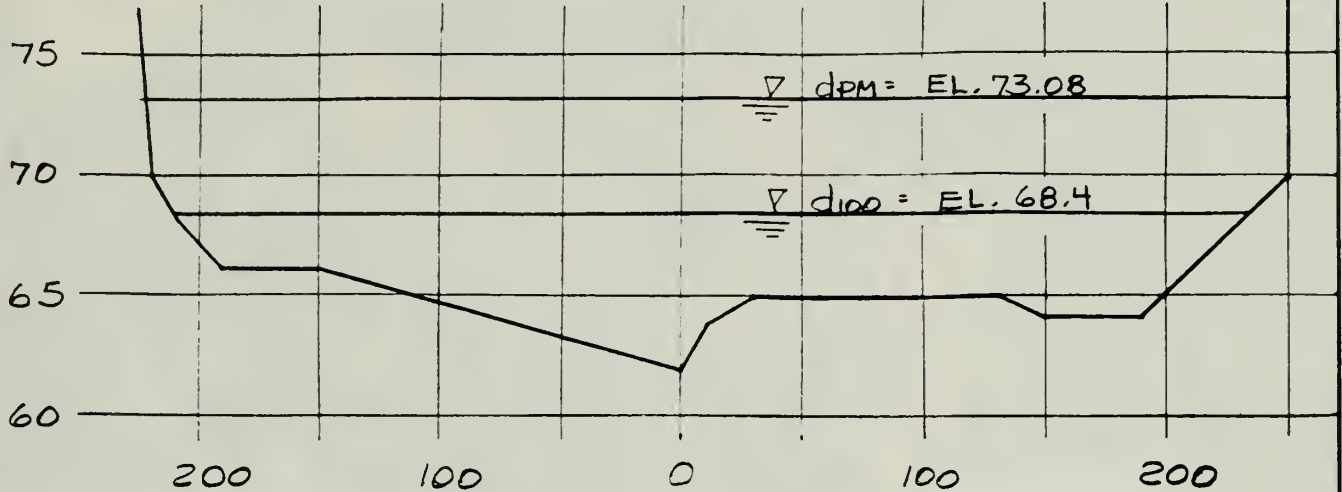
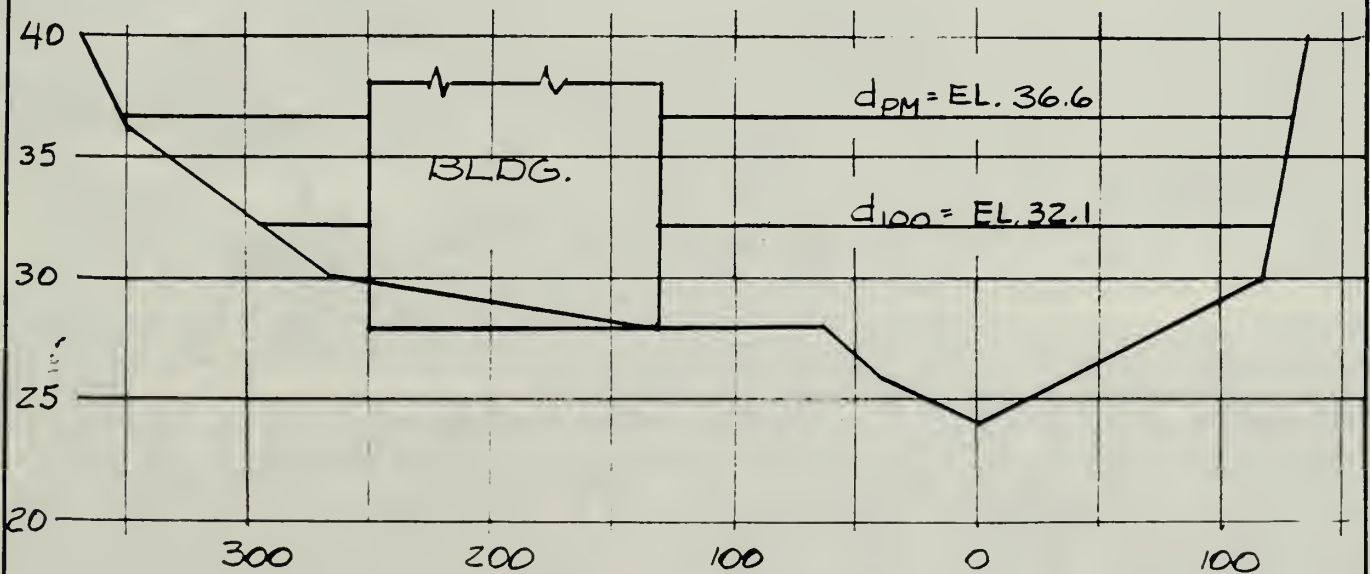






Park	NATIONAL PARK SERVICE DENVER SERVICE CENTER		Sheet 26
Area			of
Project	By	Checked	Pkg.
Feature FLOW AT ALL OF FC-5 & FC-6 (FC-6 DOWN FURNACE CR.)	Date	Date	Account

VERTICAL WALL

SECTION 5A $Q_{100} = \text{Flow from FC-5 + FC-6} = 27,000 \text{ cfs}$  $Q_{PM} = \text{Flow from FC-5 + FC-6} = 90,000 \text{ cfs}$ SECTION 5B







FURNACE CREEK WATER COLLECTION AREA











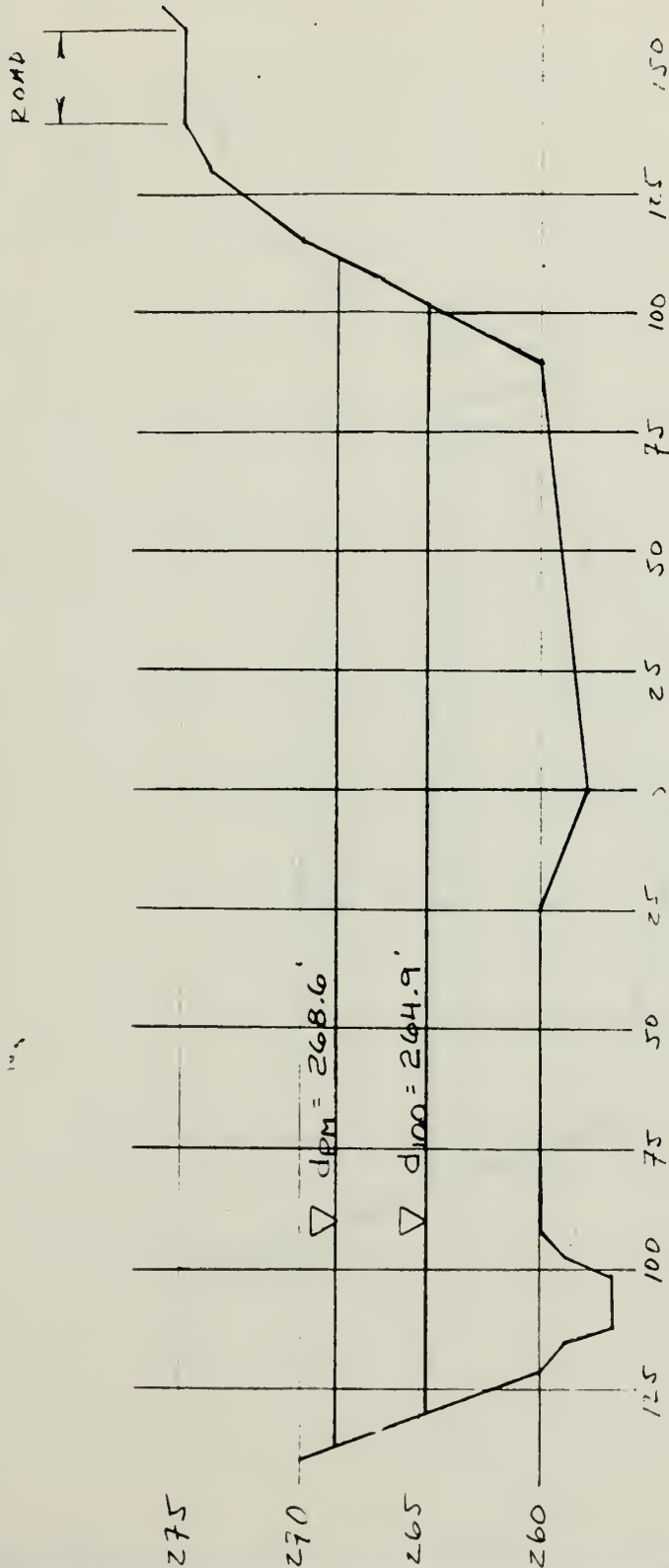
WATER INTAKE AREA - FURNACE CREEK

SCALE: 1" = 200'

- 100 YEAR FLOOD
- PMP FLOOD



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Project		By	P.G.	Checked	
Feature	SECTION 5C	Date	1/29/84	Date	
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				Account	



### SECTION 5C

Flow from FC-5 plus 10 year flow from FC-6

$$Q_{100} = 23,800 \text{ CFS}$$

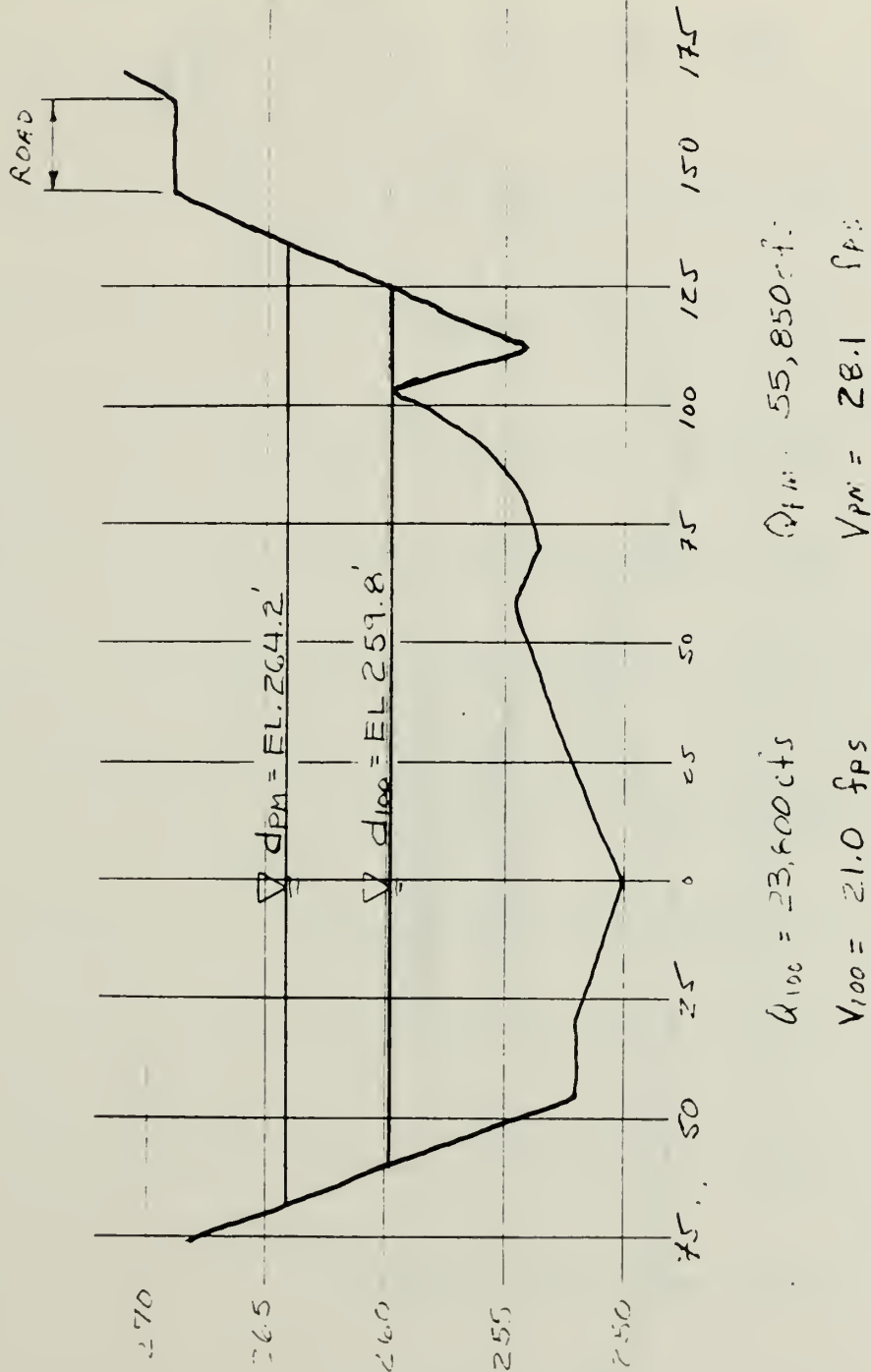
$$V_{100} = 19.2 \text{ FPS}$$

$$Q_{PM} = 55,850 \text{ CFS}$$

$$V_{100} = 26 \text{ FPS}$$



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Feature	SECTION FC-5D	Date	7/9/84	Date	Account	

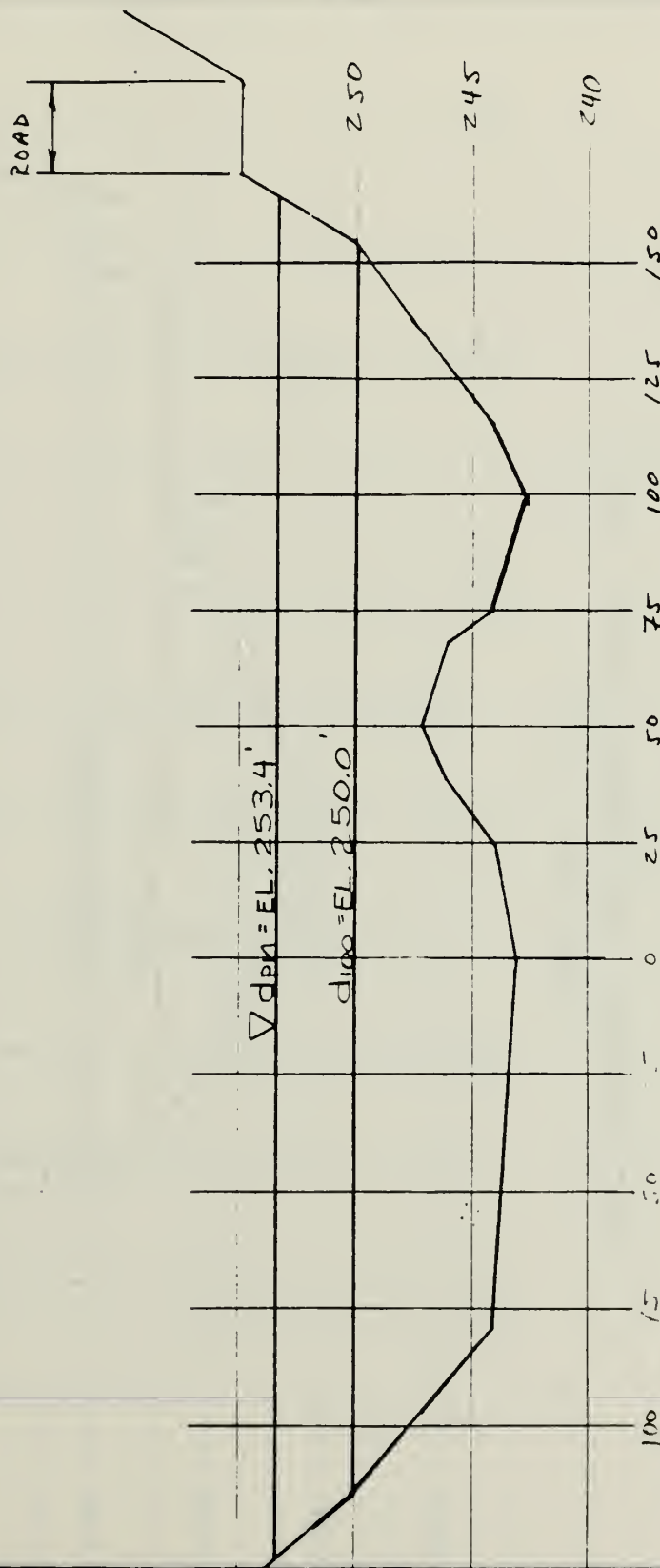


SECTION 5D





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Project		By	P.G.	Checked	
Feature	SECTION FC-5E	Date	6/29/84	Date	
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$$Q_{PM} = 55,850 \text{ cfs}$$

$$V_{PM} = 24.2 \text{ fps}$$

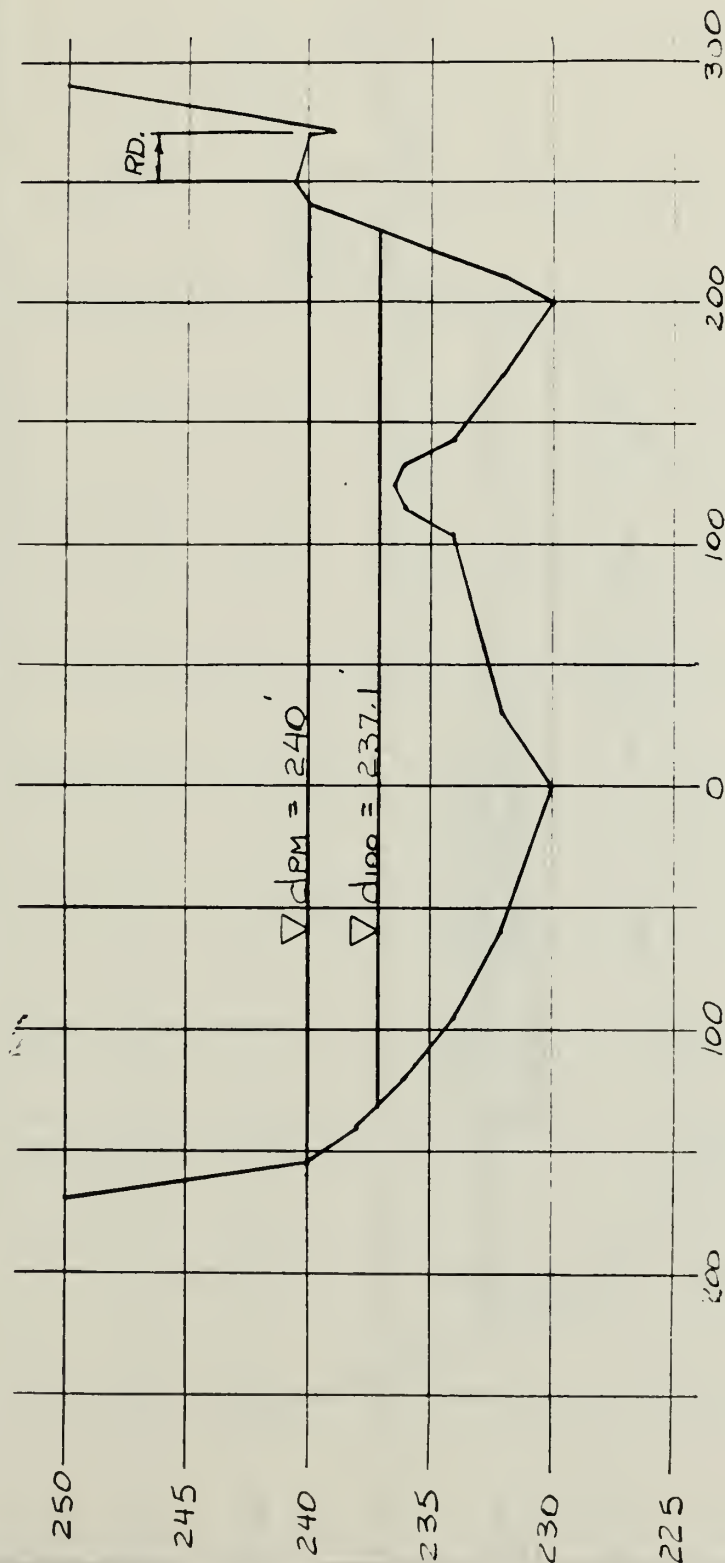
$$Q_{100} = 23,800 \text{ cfs}$$

$$V_{100} = 17.6 \text{ fps}$$

SECTION 5E  
FC-5 plus 10-year from FC-6



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Project	By	Checked	Pkg.
Feature SECTION FC-5F	Date	Date	Account



SECTION 5F  
FC-5 plus 10-year from FC-6

$$Q_{100} = 23,800 \text{ CFS}$$

$$V_{100} = 15.6 \text{ FPS}$$

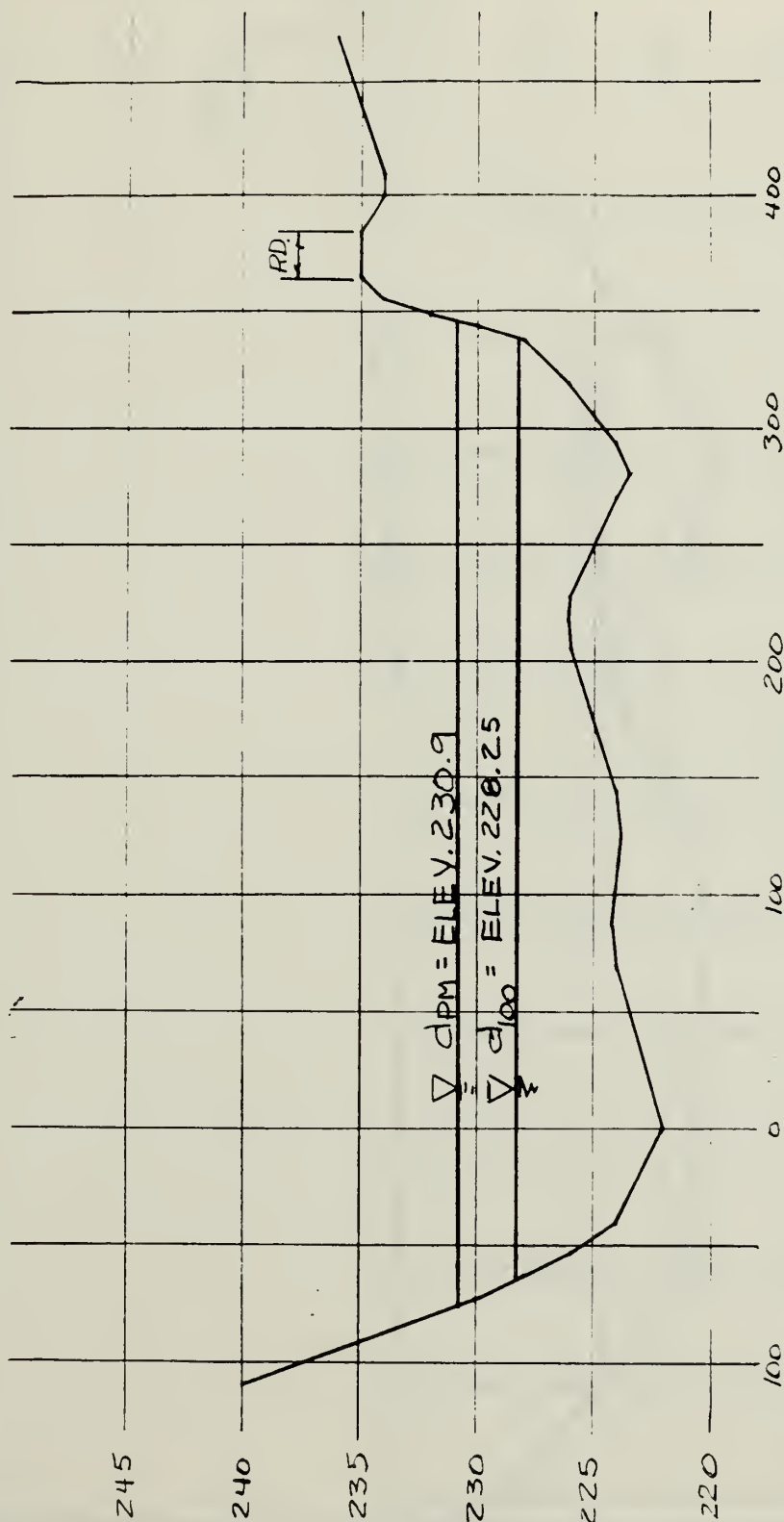
$$Q_{PM} = 55,850 \text{ CFS}$$

$$V_{PM} = 21.22 \text{ FPS}$$





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Area WATER INTAKE			of
Project FURNACE CREEK	By	Checked	Pkg.
Feature SECTION FC-5G	Date	Date	Account



SECTION 5G

FC-5 Plus 10 year from FC-6

$$Q_{100} = 23,800$$

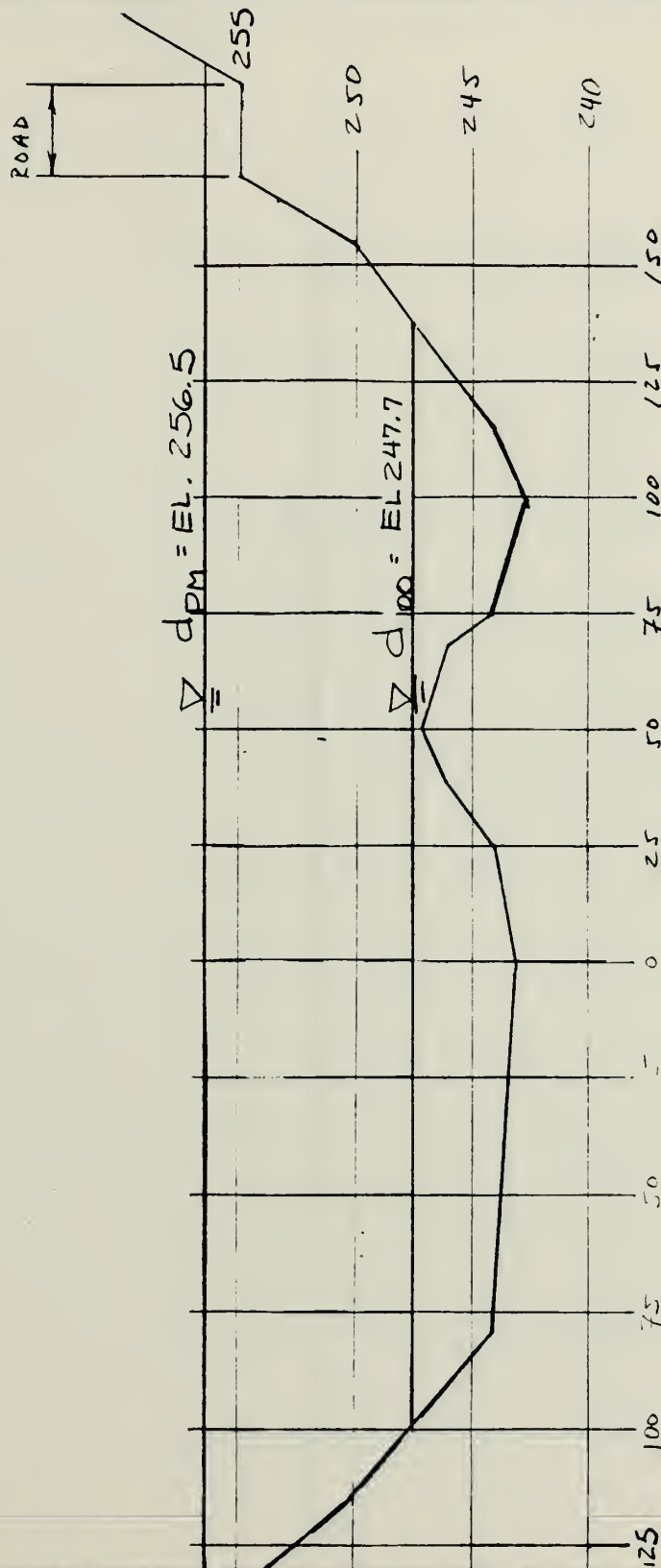
$$V_{100} =$$

$$Q_{PM} = 55,850$$

$$V_{PM} =$$



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Project		By R.G.	Checked	Pkg.
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$$Q_{pm} = 90,000 \text{ CFS}$$

$$V_{pm} = 27.0 \text{ FPS}$$

$$Q_{100} = 9,050 \text{ CFS}$$

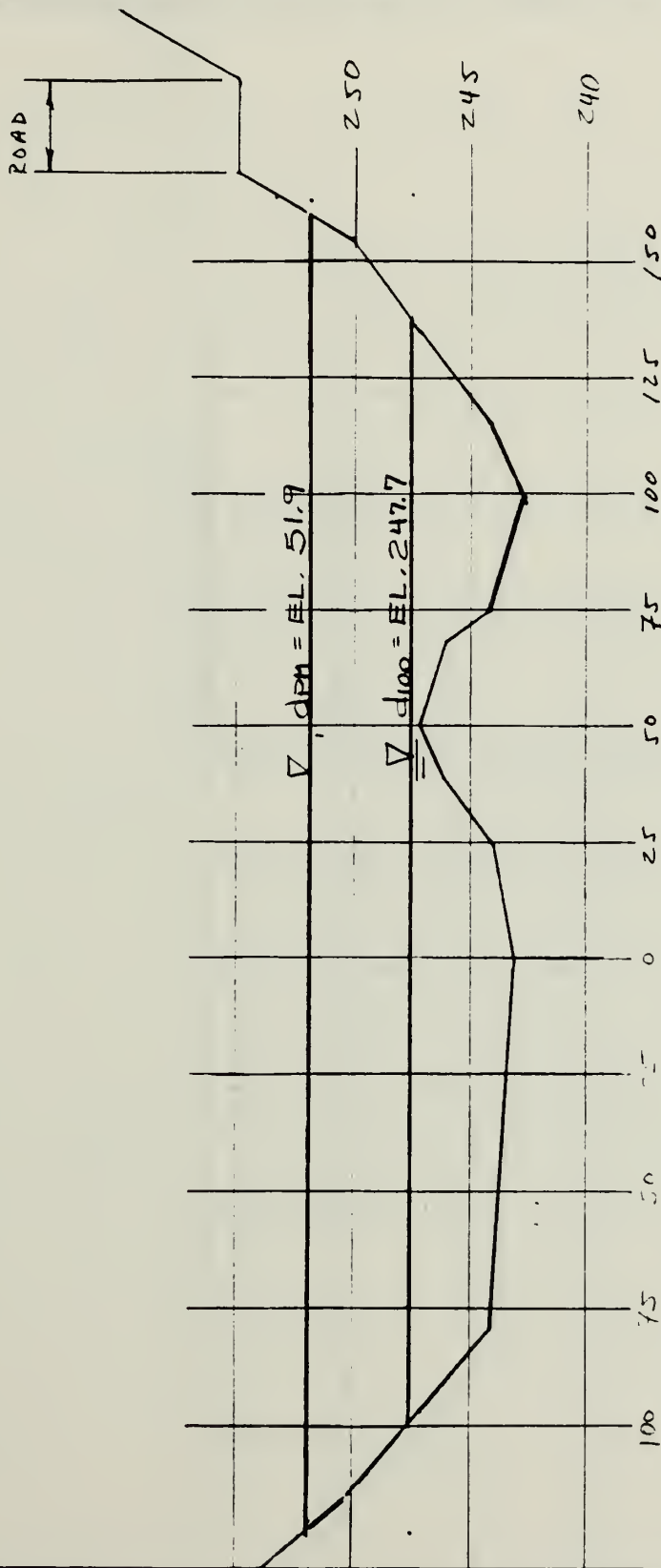
$$V_{100} = 11.7 \text{ FPS}$$

SECTION 5E

FLOW AT EXISTING CONDITIONS



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Project		By	P.C.	Checked	
Feature	SECTION FC-5E	Date	6/29/84	Date	
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$Q_{PM} = 41,100 \text{ CFS}$   
 $V_{PM} = 21.5 \text{ FPS}$

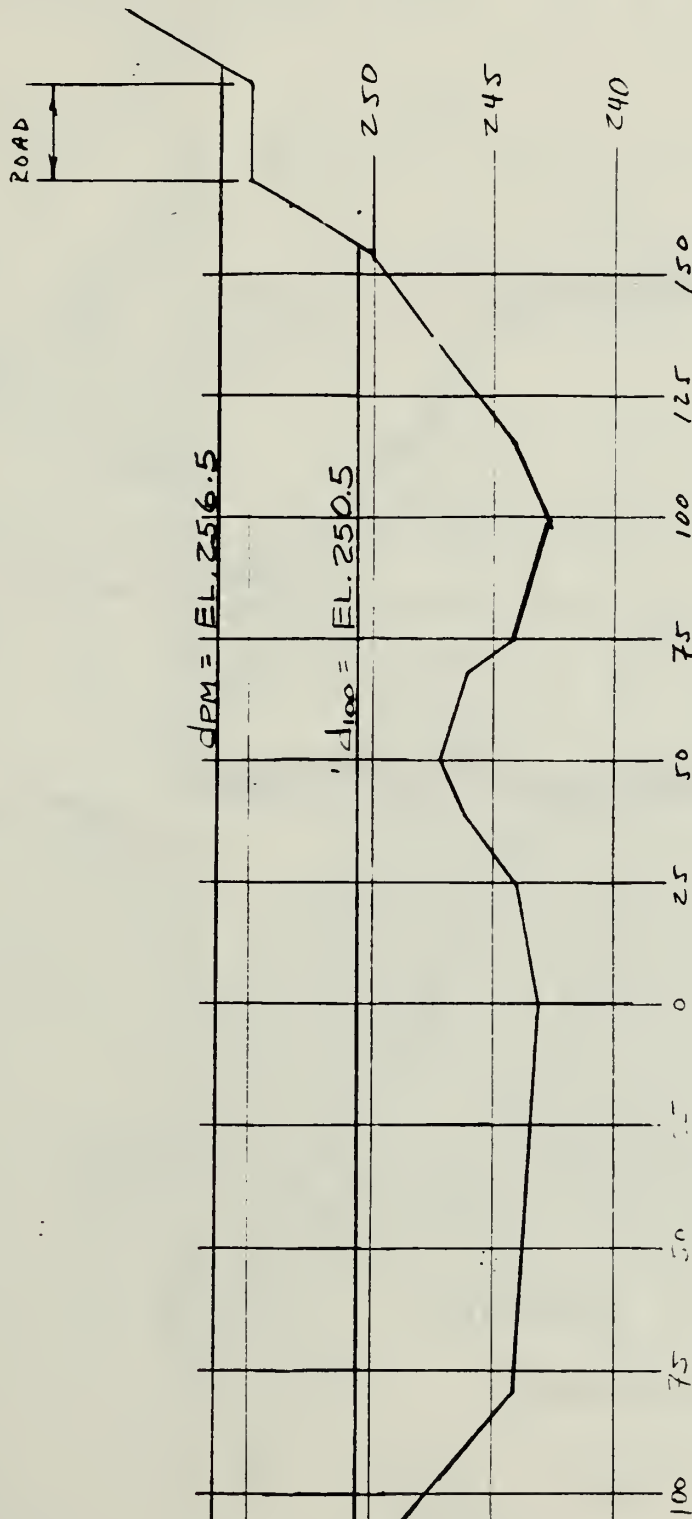
$Q_{100} = 9,050 \text{ CFS}$   
 $V_{100} = 11.7 \text{ FPS}$

SECTION 5E  
 FLOW FROM FC-5 ONLY





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Feature	SECTION FC-5E	Date	6/29/84	Date	
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				Account	



$$Q_{pm} = 90,000 \text{ CFS}$$

$$V_{pm} = 27.0 \text{ FPS}$$

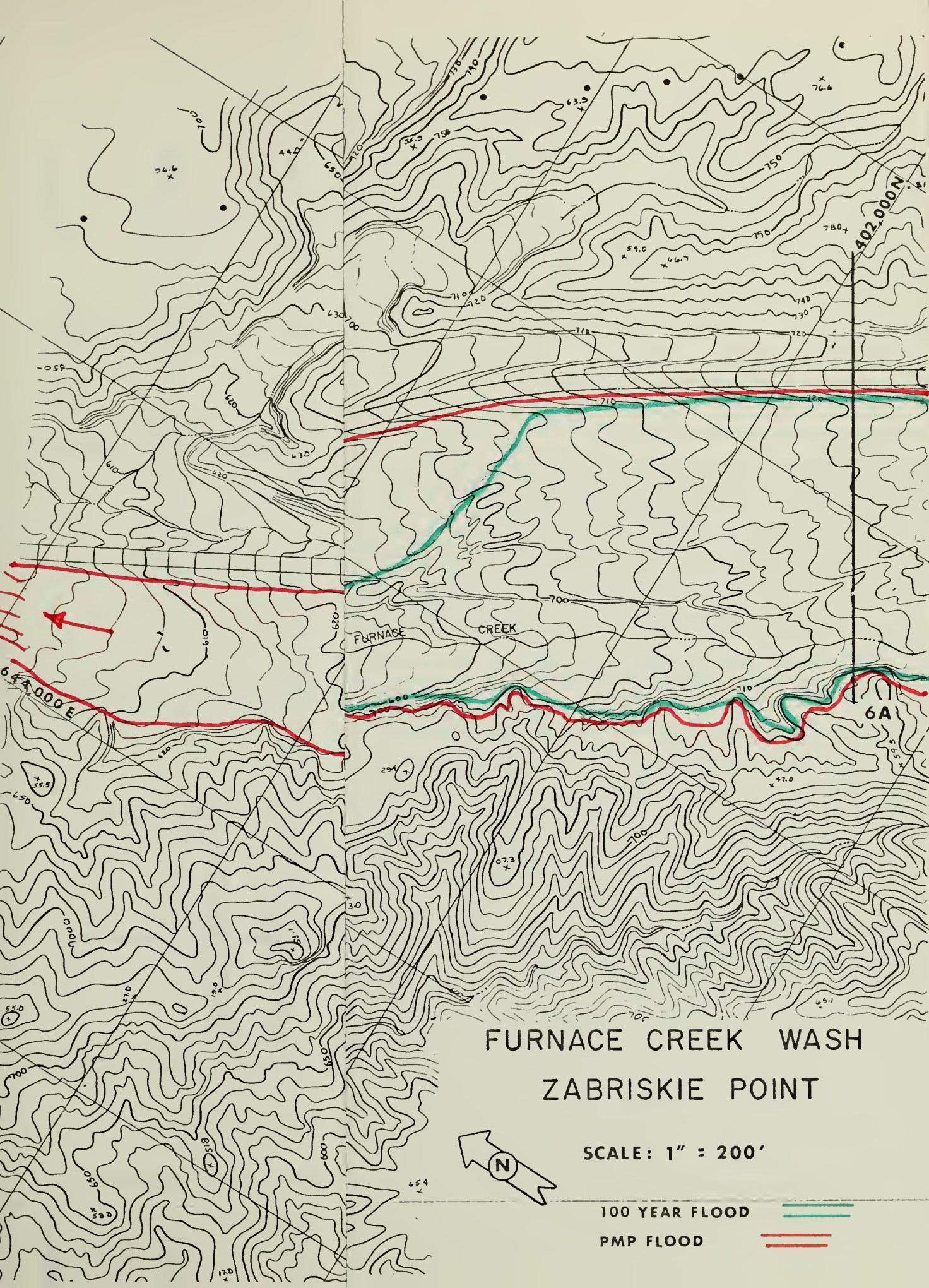
$$Q_{100} = 27,000 \text{ CFS}$$

$$V_{100} = 18.5 \text{ FPS}$$

SECTION 5E

FLOW FROM FC-5 PLUS ALL FLOW FROM FC-6





FURNACE CREEK WASH  
ZABRISKIE POINT

SCALE: 1" = 200'

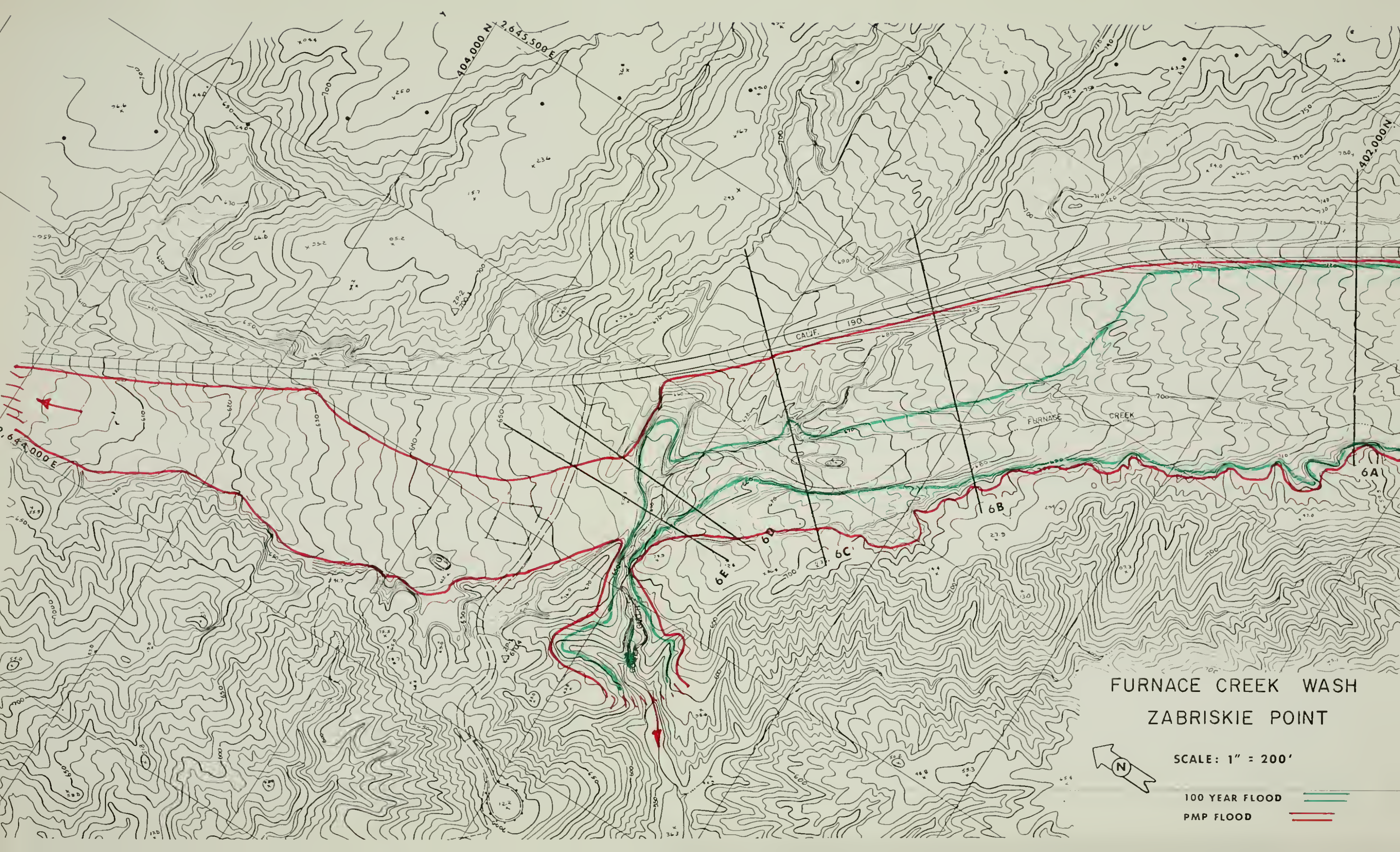


100 YEAR FLOOD

PMP FLOOD







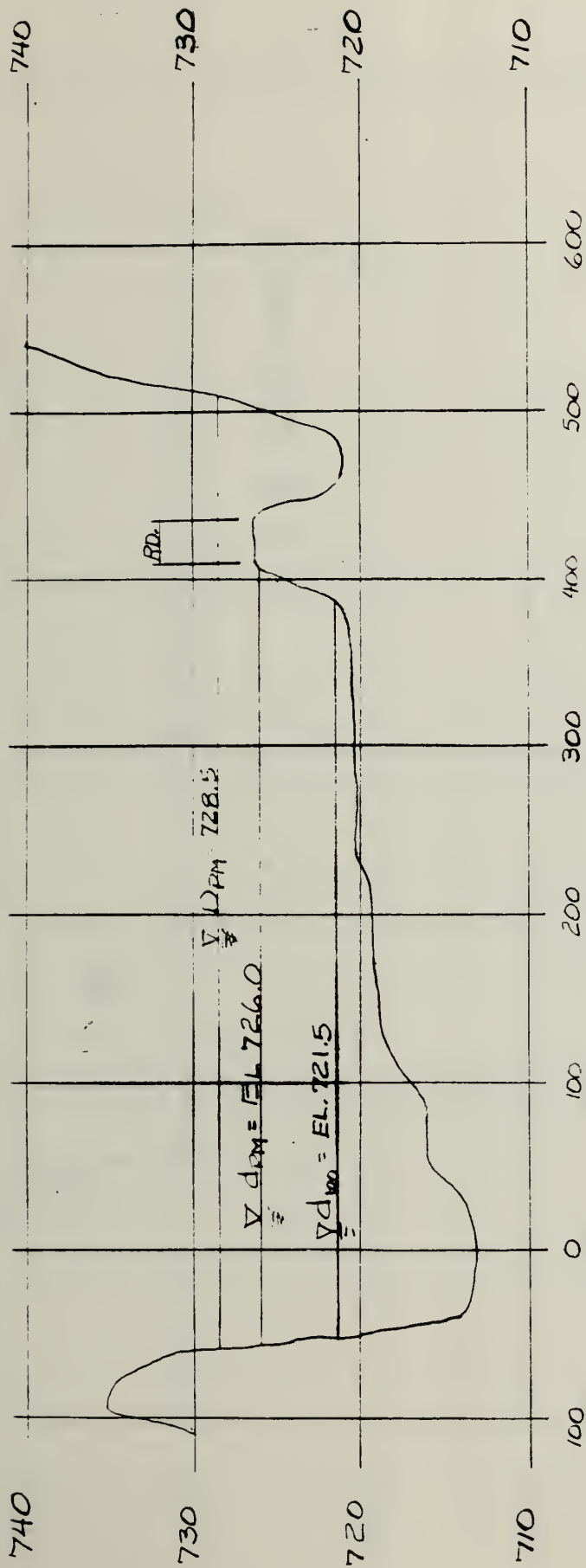
FURNACE CREEK WASH  
ZABRISKIE POINT

SCALE: 1" = 200'

100 YEAR FLOOD  
PMP FLOOD







# SECTION COA (DOWNSTREAM)

$$Q_{100} = 23,000 \text{ CFS}$$

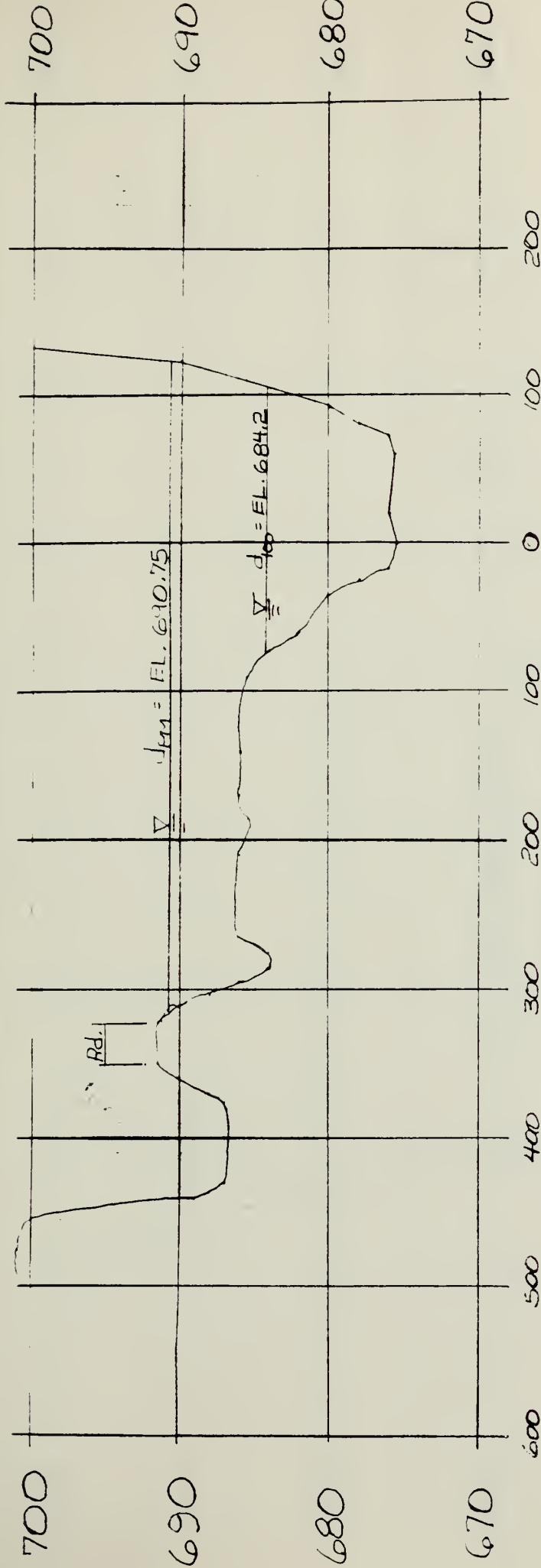
$$Q_{PM} = 89,200 \text{ CFS}$$

$$S = 0.10$$

$$V_{100} = 15 \text{ FPS}$$

$$V_{PM} = 25 \text{ FPS}$$





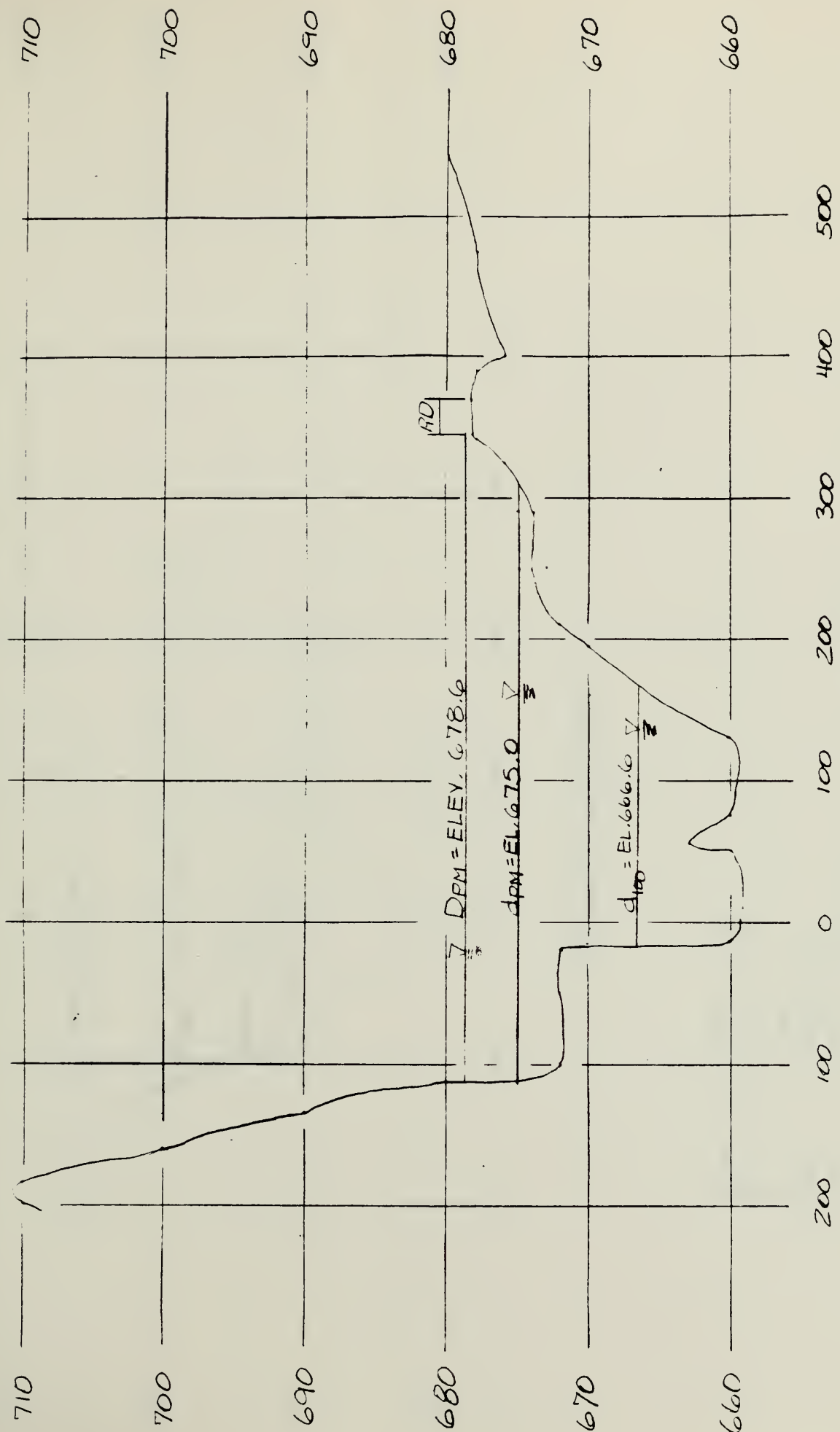
$Q_{100} = 23,000 \text{ CFS}$   
 $Q_{PM} = 89,200 \text{ CFS}$   
 $S = 0.38$   
 $V_{100} = 21.5 \text{ FPS}$   
 $V_{PM} = 25.5 \text{ FPS}$

$$\frac{Q}{A} = \frac{1.486}{n} \left( \frac{A}{P} \right)^{2/3} S^{1/2}; \text{ WHERE}$$

$n = .045$   
 $S = .038 \text{ SLOPE}$   
 $A = \text{AREA}$   
 $P = \text{WEIRIED PERIMETER}$

### SECTION 6B (UPSTREAM)



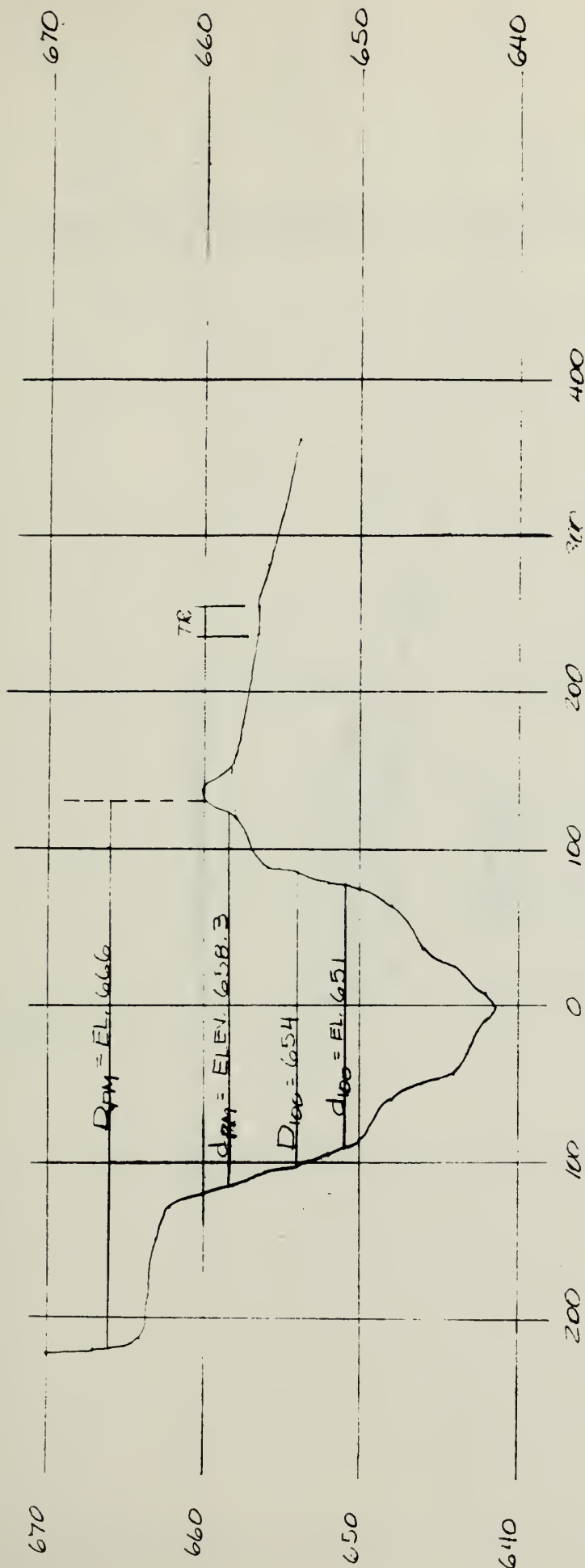


SECTION FC-60

$Q_{100} = 23,000$   
 $Q_{PM} = 89,200$   
 $S = 0.042$   
 $V_{100} = 21 \text{ FPS}$   
 $V_{PM} = 27.5 \text{ FPS}$



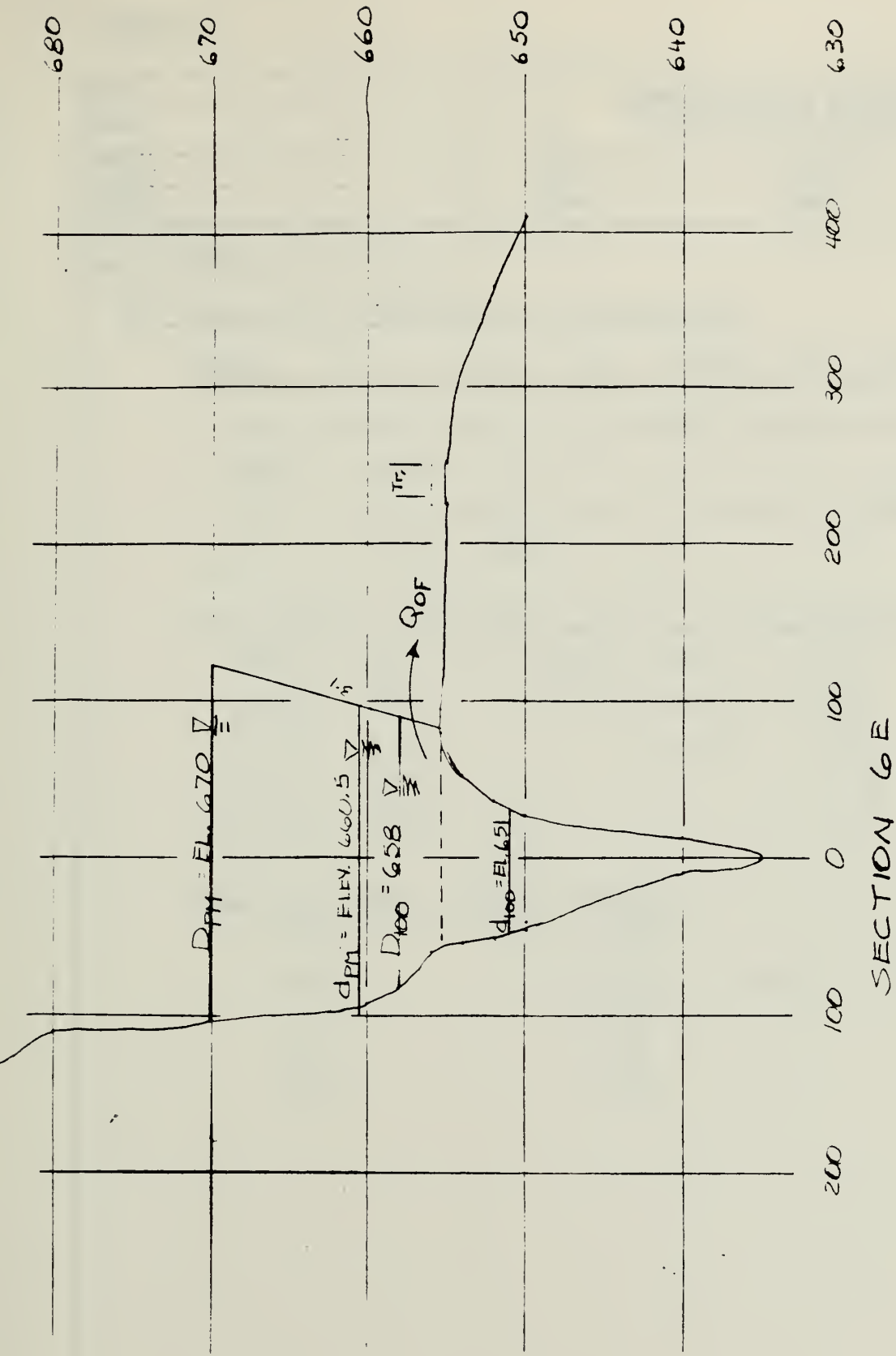




SECTION FC-6D

$Q_{100} = 23,000 \text{ CFS}$   
 $Q_{PM} = 81,000 \text{ CFS}$   
 $S = 0.06\%$   
 $V_{100} = 26.2 \text{ FPS}$   
 $V_{PM} = 39.0 \text{ FPS}$





$Q_{OVERFLOW} = 50,000 \text{ cfs}$

$Q_{100} = 23,000 \text{ CFS}$

$Q_{PM} = 89,200 \text{ CFS}$

$S = 0.10$

$V_{100} = 37.5 \text{ FPS}$

$V_{PM} = 47 \text{ FPS}$





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I PRECIPITATIONA 100 YR. FREQUENCY (CONT)AREA FC-3 (FURNACE CREEK PATCH)

$$\begin{aligned}
 6 \text{ Hr.}, 100 \text{ Yr.}, \text{Point } (116^{\circ}47' \text{Lgt.}; 36^{\circ}28' \text{LAT.}) &= 1.7 = x_3 \\
 24 \text{ Hr.}, 100 \text{ Yr.}, &= 3.0 = x_4 \\
 Y_{100} = 1 \text{ Hr.}, 100 \text{ Yr.}, \text{Point} &= 0.322 + 0.789 \left[ \frac{x_3^2}{x_4} \right] \\
 &= 1.08 \text{ in./HR.}
 \end{aligned}$$

FIXED AMOUNTS FOR VARIOUS DURATIONS

$$\begin{aligned}
 100 \text{ yr. } 15 \text{ min.} &= 0.57 (1.03) = 0.617 \text{ INCHES} \\
 100 \text{ yr. } 30 \text{ min.} &= 0.79 (1.08) = 0.85 \text{ " } \\
 100 \text{ yr. } 1 \text{ hr.} &= 1 (1.08) = 1.08 \text{ " } \\
 100 \text{ yr. } 2 \text{ hr.} &= 1.23 \text{ " } \\
 100 \text{ yr. } 3 \text{ hr.} &= 1.35 \text{ " }
 \end{aligned}$$

REDUCE FOR AREA SIZE

15 min.	0.617		
30 min.	0.85	1.922	0.78 INCHES
1 hr.	1.03	"	1.00 "
2 hr.	1.23		1.13 "
3 hr.	1.35	"	1.24 "



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I PRECIPITATIONA 100 YR. FREQUENCY (CONT)AREA FC-5 (FURNACE CREEK PLANCH)6 HR., 100 YR. POINT (116°43'N, 36° 29') = 1.9 IN. =  $X_3$ 24 HR., 100 YR. POINT " " = 3.4 IN. =  $X_4$  $Y_{100} = 1 \text{ HR., 100 YR. POINT} = .322 + .789 \left[ \frac{X_3^2}{X_4} \right] = 1.16$ FIND AMOUNTS FOR 30 MIN. DURATIONS15 Min. =  $0.57 (1.16) = 0.66 \text{ IN.}$ 30 Min. =  $0.79 (1.16) = 0.92 \text{ IN.}$ 1 Hr. =  $1 (1.16) = 1.16 \text{ IN.}$ 2 Hr. =  $1.37 \text{ IN.}$ 3 Hr. =  $1.53 \text{ IN.}$ REDUCE FOR SIZE (39.4 Sq. Miles)30 Min. =  $0.729 (.92) = 0.67 \text{ IN.}$ 1 Hr. =  $.829 (1.16) = 0.96 \text{ IN.}$ 2 Hr. =  $.92 (1.37) = 1.26 \text{ IN.}$ 3 Hr. =  $.949 (1.53) = 1.45 \text{ IN.}$



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## II. PRECIPITATION:

### A 100 YR. FREQUENCY (CONT)

#### AREA EC-6, ZABD'SKI POINT

$$\begin{aligned}
 6 \text{ Hr. POINT } (116^{\circ}40', 36^{\circ}18' \text{L}) &= 1.9 \text{ IN.} = x_3 \\
 24 \text{ Hr. POINT } &= 3.25 = x_4 \\
 Y_{100} = 1 \text{ Hr. POINT} &= 0.322 + 7.89 \left[ \frac{x_3^2}{x_4} \right] = 1.20 \text{ IN.}
 \end{aligned}$$

#### FIND AMOUNTS FOR VARIOUS DURATIONS

$$\begin{aligned}
 30 \text{ MIN.} &= 0.79 (1.20) = 0.95 \text{ IN.} \\
 1 \text{ Hr.} &= 1 (1.20) = 1.20 \text{ IN.} \\
 2 \text{ Hr.} &= 1.36 \text{ IN.} \\
 3 \text{ Hr.} &= 1.52 \text{ IN.} \\
 2 \text{ Hr.} &= 2.52 \text{ IN.}
 \end{aligned}$$

#### REDUCE FOR SIZE (188.2 Miles<sup>2</sup>)

$$\begin{aligned}
 30 \text{ MIN.} &= 0.95 (0.565) = 0.54 \text{ IN.} \\
 1 \text{ Hr.} &= 1.20 (0.67) = 0.80 \text{ IN.} \\
 2 \text{ Hr.} &= 1.36 (0.75) = 1.20 \text{ IN.} \\
 3 \text{ Hr.} &= 1.52 (0.80) = 1.22 \text{ IN.} \\
 6 \text{ Hr.} &= 1.9 (0.855) = 1.62 \text{ IN.} \\
 12 \text{ hr.} &= 2.52 (0.885) = 2.23 \text{ IN.}
 \end{aligned}$$





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## II. PRECIPITATION

### B. PROBABLE MAXIMUM PRECIPITATION (PMP)

#### 1. AREA FC-2B (Cow Cr. School)

$$1 \text{ Hr. Point} = 6.5 \text{ in.}$$

#### RAINFALL FOR OTHER DURATIONS

15 MIN.	=	0.48 (6.5)	=	3.12
30 MIN.	=	0.71 (6.5)	=	4.62
45 MIN.	=	0.88 (6.5)	=	5.72
1 Hr.	=	1 (6.5)	=	6.5
1 1/2 Hr.	=	1.17 (6.5)	=	7.6

No correction for area necessary.

#### 2. AREA FC-3 (Furnace Cr. Ranch)

$$1 \text{ Hr. Point} = 6.5 \text{ in.} ; \text{ Reduce for Area} = .86(6.5) = 5.6$$

#### RAINFALL FOR OTHER DURATIONS

30 MIN.	=	0.71 (5.6)	=	3.97
45 MIN.	=	0.88 (5.6)	=	4.92
1 Hr.	=	1 (5.6)	=	5.6
1 1/2 Hr.	=	1.17 (5.6)	=	6.55
2 Hr.	=	1.26 (5.6)	=	7.06

#### 3. AREA FC-5

$$1 \text{ Hr. Point} = 6.5 \text{ in.} ; \text{ Reduce for Area} = 6.5(.637) = 4.14$$

#### RAINFALL FOR OTHER DURATIONS

1 Hr.	=	1 (4.14)	=	4.14
1 1/2 Hr.	=	1.17 (4.14)	=	4.84
2 Hr.	=	1.26 (4.14)	=	5.22
2 1/2 Hr.	=	1.315 (4.14)	=	5.44
3 Hr.	=	1.34 (4.14)	=	5.55



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## II PRECIPITATION:

### B PMP (CON'T.)

#### 4 AREA FC-6: Zobriski Pt.

1 Hour, Point = 6.5 inches

Reduce for Area =  $6.5(.475 @ 100 \text{ Sq. Miles}) = 3.09$

#### RAINFALL FOR OTHER DURATIONS

1 Hr. =	1 (3.09)	=	3.09
1½ Hr. =	1.17 (3.09)	=	3.62
2 Hr. =	1.26 (3.09)	=	3.89
2½ Hr. =	1.315 (3.09)	=	4.06
3 Hr. =	1.34 (3.09)	=	4.14

### C GENERAL-TYPE MAXIMUM STORM FOR FC6

6 Hr., Point = 3 INCHES

REDUCE FOR AREA OF 123  $\frac{1}{2}$  =  $.82(3) = 2.46$  INCHES

#### RAINFALL FOR OTHER DURATIONS

3 Hrs. =	.63 (2.46)	=	1.55
4 Hrs. =	.77 (2.46)	=	1.89
5 Hrs. =	.88 (2.46)	=	2.16
6 hrs. =	1 (2.46)	=	2.46
8 hrs. =	1.18 (2.46)	=	2.90
10 hrs. =	1.36 (2.46)	=	3.35
12 hrs. =	1.53 (2.46)	=	3.76
14 hrs. =	1.66 (2.46)	=	4.08





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Feature	Date <u>5/24/84</u>	Date	Account

## II. PRECIPITATION

### D. 10 YEAR FREQUENCY FOR FC6

First Determine 2 Year - 1 hour:

$$6 \text{ Hr.}, 2 \text{ Year, Point } (116^{\circ}40', 36^{\circ}18'N) = 0.9 \text{ in.} = X_1$$

$$24 \text{ Hr.}, 2 \text{ Year, Point } (116^{\circ}40', 36^{\circ}18'N) = 1.3 \text{ in.} = X_2$$

From NOAA ATLAS 2:

$$Y_2 = 1 \text{ hr. point } 2 \text{ Yr. freq.} = .005 + .852 \left( \frac{X_1^2}{X_2} \right) = 0.53$$

From NOAA ATLAS 2, Volume XI, Figure 6:

$$\text{Plot } Y_2 = 0.53 \text{ and } Y_{100} = 1.20$$

$$Y_{10} = 0.80$$

### FIND AMOUNTS FOR VARIOUS DURATIONS

Table 12:

$$30 \text{ Min.} = 0.79(0.80) = 0.63 \text{ in.}$$

Figure 15: (10 hr., 6 hr. = 1.25)

$$1 \text{ Hr.} = Y_{10} = 0.80$$

$$2 \text{ Hr.} = = 0.97$$

$$3 \text{ Hr.} = = 1.06$$

$$6 \text{ Hr.} = = 1.25$$

Figure 16:

$$12 \text{ Hr.} = = 1.88$$

$$24 \text{ Hr.} = = 2.2$$

### ADJUST FOR AREA (133 Sq. Mi.) (NOAA ATLAS 2, Fig. 14)

$$30 \text{ Min.} = (0.57) .63 = 0.36$$

$$1 \text{ hr.} = 0.8(0.8) = 0.64$$

$$2 \text{ hr.} = 0.75(0.97) = 0.73$$

$$3 \text{ hr.} = 0.8(1.06) = 0.85$$

$$6 \text{ hr.} = 0.86(1.25) = 1.08$$

$$12 \text{ hr.} = 0.87(1.88) = 1.67$$

$$24 \text{ hr.} = 0.92(2.2) = 2.02$$



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## II PRECIPITATION

### E 5 YEAR FREQUENCY FOR FC6

First Determine 2 year - 1 hour.

From D above:  $Y_2 = 0.53$

From NOAA ATLAS 2, Volume XI, Figure 6:

Plot  $Y_2 = .53$ ; and  $Y_{100} = 1.20$

$Y_5 =$

Note 2 Yr. = 5,300 - 5



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III RUNOFF FOR FC-3

A 100 YR. FLOOD

$T_c = 1.03$   $A = 6.05$   
 ASSUME MOUNTAINS RETAIN .1" RAIN  
DURATION = 30 min.

$$T_p = \frac{1}{2} + .6(1.03) = .87$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(6.05)(.78 - .10)}{.87} = 2289 \text{ cfs.}$$

DURATION = 1 HR.

$$T_p = \frac{1}{2} + .6(1.03) = 1.12$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(6.05)(1.00 - .10)}{1.12} = 2353 \text{ cfs.}$$

DURATION = 2 HR.

$$T_p = \frac{2}{2} + .6(1.03) = 1.62$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(6.05)(1.13 - .10)}{1.62} = 1362 \text{ cfs.}$$

RATIONAL METHOD (1 HR.)

$$Q_p = (1.00) \left( \frac{1.00}{1.0} \right) 640(6.05) = 3872 \text{ cfs.}$$

MANANEN ANT. 2.5 FEET

$$Q_p = 1080 A^{.71} = 1080(6.05)^{.71} = 3877 \text{ cfs.}$$

USE 2400 cfs





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III RUNOFF FOR FC-5

A 100 YR. FLOOD

$$T_c = 2.42 \quad H = 39.4$$

DURATION = 1 HR

$$T_p = \frac{1.2}{2} + .6(2.42) = 1.95$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(39.4)(.96-.10)}{1.95} = 8410 \text{ cfs.}$$

DURATION = 2 HR.

$$T_p = \frac{2.2}{2} + .6(2.42) = 2.45$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(39.4)(1.26-.10)}{2.45} = 9029 \text{ cfs.}$$

DURATION = 3 HR.

$$T_p = \frac{3.2}{2} + .6(2.42) = 2.95$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(39.4)(1.45-.10)}{2.95} = 9727 \text{ cfs.}$$

RATIONAL METHOD (24RS)

$$Q_p = 1.00 \left( \frac{1.26}{2} \right) 640(39.4) = 15,386 \text{ cfs.}$$

WAMANEN AND CRIDEN

$$Q_p = 103^2 (39.4)^{.21} = 14,663 \text{ cfs.}$$

USE 9050 cfs



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III RUNOFF FOR FC-6

A 100 YR. FLOOD

$$T_c = 5.22 \text{ HRS.} \quad A = 183.1 = \text{mi}^2$$

DURATION = 3 HRS.

$$T_D = \frac{5.22}{3} + .6(5.22) = 4.63$$

$$Q = \frac{484(133.1)(1.22 - .1)}{4.63} = 22,030 \text{ cfs.}$$

DURATION = 6 HRS.

$$T_D = \frac{5.22}{6} + .6(5.22) = 6.13$$

$$Q = \frac{484(133.1)(1.62 - .1)}{6.13} = 22,553 \text{ cfs}$$

DURATION = 12 HRS.

$$T_D = \frac{5.22}{12} + .6(5.22) = 9.13$$

$$Q = \frac{484(133.17)(2.22 - .1)}{9.13} = 21,247 \text{ cfs.}$$

RATIONAL METHOD (6 HRS)  $Q = 1.00 \left( \frac{1.62}{6} \right) 640(183.17) = 32,516 \text{ cfs.}$

WHAHREN AND CRIDEN

$$Q = 1280(133.12)^{.7} = 44,500 \text{ cfs.}$$

USE 23,000 cfs.





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III RUNOFF FOR FC-3

B PMP FLOOD

$$T_c = 1.07 \text{ hr. } A = 6.05$$

ASSUME WADSWORTH RETAIN .1" OF 24" FALL

DURATION = 30 MIN.

$$T_p = \frac{.5}{2} + .6(1.07) = .87$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(6.05)(3.97 - .1)}{.87} = 13,025 \text{ cfs.}$$

DURATION = 45 MIN.

$$T_p = \frac{.75}{2} + .6(1.07) = .99$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(6.05)(4.92 - .1)}{.99} = 14,256 \text{ cfs.}$$

DURATION = 1 HR.

$$T_p = \frac{1.0}{2} + .6(1.07) = 1.12$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(6.05)(5.6 - .1)}{1.12} = 14,330 \text{ cfs}$$

DURATION = 1.5 HRS.

$$T_p = \frac{1.5}{2} + .6(1.07) = 1.37$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(6.05)(6.55 - .1)}{1.37} = 13,756 \text{ cfs.}$$

RATIONAL METHOD (1 HRS)  $Q_p = 1.00 \left( \frac{5.6}{1} \right) (640) (6.05) = 21,683 \text{ cfs.}$

WAANANEN AND CRIPPEN  $Q_p = 13,900(6.05)^{1.029} (6.05^{.5} + 5)^{-1.341}$   
 $= 42,590 \text{ cfs.}$

MATTHAI  $Q = 11,000(6.05)^{.61} = 32,731 \text{ cfs.}$

USE 14,400 cfs.



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III RUNOFF FOR FC-5

5 PMIP FLOOD

$$T_c = 2.42 \quad A = 39.4$$

DURATION = 1.5 HRS.

$$T_p = \frac{1.5}{2} + .6(2.42) = 2.20$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(39.4)(4.84-.1)}{2.20} = 41,036 \text{ cfs.}$$

DURATION = 2 HRS.

$$T_p = \frac{2.0}{2} + .6(2.42) = 2.45$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(39.4)(5.22-.1)}{2.45} = 39,852 \text{ cfs.}$$

TRY DURATION = 1 HR.

$$T_p = \frac{1.0}{2} + .6(2.42) = 1.95$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(39.4)(4.14-.1)}{1.95} = 39,593$$

RATIONAL METHOD (1.5 HRS.)

$$Q_p = 1.00 \left( \frac{5.55}{3} \right) 640(39.4) = 46,650$$

WAANANEN AND CRIPPEN

$$Q_p = 28000(39.4)^{1.027} (39.4^5 + 5)^{-1.341} = 162,257 \text{ cfs.}$$

MATHAI

$$Q_p = 11,000(39.4)^{1.51} = 103,430 \text{ cfs.}$$

USE 41,100 cfs.



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III RUNOFF FOR FL-6

B RMP FLOOD

$$T_c = 1.93 \text{ HRS.} \quad A = 100 \text{ mi}^2$$

DURATION = 1.5 HRS.

$$T_D = \frac{1.5}{2} + .6(1.93) = 1.91$$

$$Q_D = \frac{484(100.0)(3.62 - .1)}{1.91} = 89,198 \text{ cfs.}$$

DURATION = 2 HRS.

$$T_D = \frac{2.0}{2} + .6(1.93) = 2.16$$

$$Q_D = \frac{484(100.0)(3.84 - .1)}{2.16} = 84,924 \text{ cfs.}$$

TRY DURATION = 1 HR.

$$T_D = \frac{1.0}{2} + .6(1.93) = 1.66$$

$$Q_D = \frac{484(100.0)(3.04 - .1)}{1.66} = 87,178 \text{ cfs.}$$

RATIONAL METHOD (2 HRS.)

$$Q_P = 1.00 \left( \frac{3.80}{2} \right) 640(100.0) = 724,480 \text{ cfs.}$$

WAMANWEN AND CRIPPEN

$$Q_P = 98900(100.0^{1.027})(100.0^{.5} + 5)^{-1.341} \\ = 299,266 \text{ cfs.}$$

MATTHAI

$$Q_P = 11,000(100.0)^{.61} = 182,555 \text{ cfs.}$$

USE 89,200 cfs.





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III RAINFALL FOR FC-6

C GENERAL TYPE MAXIMUM STORM

$$T_c = 5.22 \quad A = 133.17$$

DURATION = 4 HRS.

$$T_p = \frac{1.0}{2} + .6(5.22) = 5.13$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(133.17)(1.37-.1)}{5.13} = 31,778 \text{ cfs.}$$

DURATION = 5 HRS.

$$T_p = \frac{5.0}{2} + .6(5.22) = 5.63$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(133.17)(2.16-.1)}{5.63} = 33,323 \text{ cfs.}$$

DURATION = 6 HRS.

$$T_p = \frac{6.0}{2} + .6(5.22) = 6.13$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(133.17)(2.46-.1)}{6.13} = 35,063 \text{ cfs.}$$

DURATION = 8 HRS.

$$T_p = \frac{8.0}{2} + .6(5.22) = 7.13$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(133.17)(2.7-.1)}{7.13} = 35,765 \text{ cfs.}$$

DURATION = 10 HRS.

$$T_p = \frac{10.0}{2} + .6(5.22) = 8.13$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(133.17)(3.35-.1)}{8.13} = 36,407 \text{ cfs.}$$

DURATION = 12 HRS.

$$T_p = \frac{12.0}{2} + .6(5.22) = 9.13$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(133.17)(3.76-.1)}{9.13} = 36,510 \text{ cfs.}$$



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☒ C GENERAL TYPE MAXIMUM STORM (CONT.)

DURATION = 14 HRS.

$$T_D = \frac{14.0}{2} + .6(5.22) = 10.13$$

$$Q_P = \frac{484(188.17)(4.08-.11)}{10.13} = 35,782 \text{ cfs.}$$

RATIONAL METHOD (12 HRS.)

$$Q_D = 1.00 \left( \frac{3.76}{12} \right) 640 (188.17) = 37,734 \text{ cfs.}$$

WARRFREN AND CRIPPEN

$$Q_D = 98900 (188.17^{1.02}) (.88.17^{.5} + .5)^{-1.341} \\ = 426,210 \text{ cfs.}$$

MATTIAS

$$Q = 11,000 (188.17)^{.61} = 268,453 \text{ cfs.}$$

USE 36,500 cfs.





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☒ RUNOFF

☒ 10 YEAR FLOOD, FC-6

$T_c = 5.22$  Hours ;  $A = 188.17$  Sq. Miles

Try Duration = 3 Hrs., Retention = 0.1 inches

$$T_p = \frac{3}{2} + .6(5.22) = 4.63$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(188.17)(.85-.1)}{4.63} = 14,750 \text{ cfs}$$

Try Duration = 6 Hrs.

$$T_p = \frac{6}{2} + .6(5.22) = 6.13$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(188.17)(1.08-.1)}{6.13} = 14,560 \text{ cfs}$$

Try Duration = 4 Hrs

$$T_p = \frac{4}{2} + .6(5.22) = 5.13$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(188.17)(0.93-.1)}{5.13} = 14,735 \text{ cfs}$$

Check Rational Method

Assume after 8 hrs. runoff is at average rate:

$$Q_p = 1\left(\frac{1.30}{8}\right) 640(188.17) = 19,570 \text{ cfs}$$

Try Duration = 2 1/2 hrs.

$$T_p = \frac{2\frac{1}{2}}{2} + .6(5.22) = 4.38$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(188.17)(.8-.1)}{4.38} = 14,550 \text{ cfs}$$

USE 14,750 CFS



# STOVEPIPE WELLS



## BASELINE FLOODPLAIN ANALYSIS

Death Valley National Monument  
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Flood Mitigation Studies  
Package 271

### REPORT ON AREAS:

#### COW CREEK:

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FC-2C	Cow Creek Drainage

#### FURNACE CREEK:

FC-3	NPS Headquarters and Ranch
FC-5	Furnace Creek Inn, Water Supply, & Indian Village
FC-6	Furnace Creek to Zabriskie Point



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SP-1	Mosaic Canyon
SP-2	Stovepipe Wells Development

#### EMIGRANT

Emigrant Canyon  
Emigrant Ranger Station

#### MESQUITE CAMPGROUND

#### SCOTTY'S CASTLE

SC-1	Tie Canyon
SC-2	Castle Area
SC-2	Water Supply
SC-3	Grapevine Canyon

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## STOVEPIPE WELLS

### GENERAL BACKGROUND

A report by John R. Crippen titled Potential Hazards from Floodflows and Debris Movement in the Furnace Creek Area contains an introduction to the general flood problems, potential hazards, geographic setting, and precipitation for the Death Valley area.

The Task Directive for Flood Mitigation Studies, Packages 271 and 301 approved December 10, 1983, contains the following description:

"Death Valley has had a long history of flash flood problems. One of the worst in recent times occurred in 1969 when all roads in and out of the valley were severed by flash flooding and many buildings at Furnace Creek, Scotty's Castle, and Stovepipe Wells suffered damage from mud and sheet flow runoff. As in the 1969 event flash flooding can be widespread across the monument, but more often a severe downpour from a thunderstorm occurs in a localized area.

"Stovepipe Wells is on the alluvial fan produced by outwash from Mosaic Canyon in Tucki Mountain (part of the Panamint Range on the west side of the valley). Here is located a National Park Service (NPS) campground, a restaurant, motel, store, gas station, and residences owned by NPS but operated by a concessioner. Flash floods can concentrate in the canyon's several square mile drainage basin and flow out onto the alluvial fan that the development is on. The Stovepipe Wells development is about 2 miles from the mouth of Mosaic Canyon. Flash flood flows across alluvial fans tend to be very unpredictable, forming sheet flows or concentrating in channels in the fan. Because the flows can spread out across the fan they are not as dangerous as flows confined in canyons."

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this study is to determine 1) the precipitation and runoff for Mosaic Canyon and the alluvial fan above Stovepipe Wells; 2) the extent of flooding at selected critical sections; and 3) the locations for which some method of flood mitigation should be provided.

### STUDY AREA

The areas of concern are Mosaic Canyon and the portion of the alluvial fan above Stovepipe Wells which will contribute to the runoff affecting Stovepipe Wells development. The drainage areas are shown on page 4 and are labeled (1) for Mosaic Canyon and (2) for the alluvial fan above Stovepipe Wells development. Page 5 is a copy of an aerial photograph of the areas and page 6 is a photograph of the Stovepipe Wells development taken from the east. Table 1, on page 7, gives the drainage area characteristics for Area (1) and Area (2).



## METHODOLOGY

Precipitation for the 100-year storm was determined using the procedures and isopluvials in NOAA ATLAS 2, Volume XI, prepared by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Precipitation for the probable maximum thunderstorm was determined using the procedures and isohyets as prescribed in DESIGN OF SMALL DAMS, Second Edition, Bureau of Reclamation. Precipitation for the areas is summarized in Table 2 on page 8.

Runoff was determined by the procedures described in DESIGN OF SMALL DAMS, and USGS Topographic Map, Stovepipe Wells, California. Runoff is also summarized in Table 2 on page 8.

Flood extents at two locations were determined using Mannings Formula with "n" values of 0.045. The two sections, one at the mouth of Mosaic Canyon and one at the main dike at Stovepipe Wells, were taken on-site. The plan on page 10 showing the dike section location was taken from a one-half size print of Drawing Number 143-41083. The cross-sections are shown on pages 9 and 11.

## RESULTS

At the mouth of Mosaic Canyon, a large wash extends down the northwest side of the alluvial fan. The USGS topographic map shown on page 4 was completed in 1952 and shows the drainage to follow the northwest side of the fan. Recent aerial photographs (page 5) and aerial reconnaissance reveal that the present flow from Mosaic Canyon follows washes and channels on the east side of the alluvial fan to the east of the Stovepipe Wells development. The capacity of a critical section occurring at the mouth of Mosaic Canyon determines if the flood waters will be contained in the present wash and continue to be diverted to the east side of the Stovepipe Wells development. This critical section will contain even the probable maximum flood as shown on page 9. Even if the parking area fill which forms one side of the critical channel is breached, the flood waters would apparently follow the old wash on the northwest side of the alluvial fan and not affect the development. Large flows on alluvial fans are unpredictable, however, and the debris carried by the flow could block existing channels and the high velocity of the flood water could scour new channels.

The runoff which affects the Stovepipe Wells development appears to be sheet flow originating from rainfall on Area (2) as shown on page 4. Total runoff from this area amounts to only 220 cubic feet per second for the 100-year flood and 1460 cubic feet per second for the probable maximum flood. The plan on page 10 shows a section (SP-1) of the main dike above the development, and the cross-section is on page 11. The section appears to be capable of containing the 100-year floodflow; but not capable of containing the probable maximum flow. It is questionable, however, that the section will carry even a 25- or 50-year flood for several reasons. The dike is constructed on an almost horizontal grade and will serve more as a detention dam than a diversion dike. Since the dike does not contain a core to reduce the permeability of the dike material, water contained behind the dike will begin seeping through the dike and eventually break through. Also, flood waters



arriving at the dike will lose velocity due to the stilling action of the horizontal dike and will drop their sediment and debris load, thereby filling in the available water carrying channel.

A small drainage ditch within the development is sufficient for removing rainfall runoff which occurs downhill from the main dike.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER STUDY AND FLOOD MITIGATION

Mosaic Canyon. A riprap wall extending approximately 500 feet from the mouth of the canyon along the west wall of the wash would protect the access road and parking lot for Mosaic Canyon. The riprap would also ensure that flood water remained diverted to the east side of the alluvial fan and would thereby protect the Stovepipe Wells development from flood waters which could otherwise form new channels toward the development.

The riprap would be placed at a 1 on 2 slope against the existing west bank and would be about 9 feet high, the same height of the existing vertical bank. The riprap would only be visible from within the wash. A few additional field sections and measurements would be required to provide the data for determining the wall heights at various locations and total length for preliminary design and estimates.

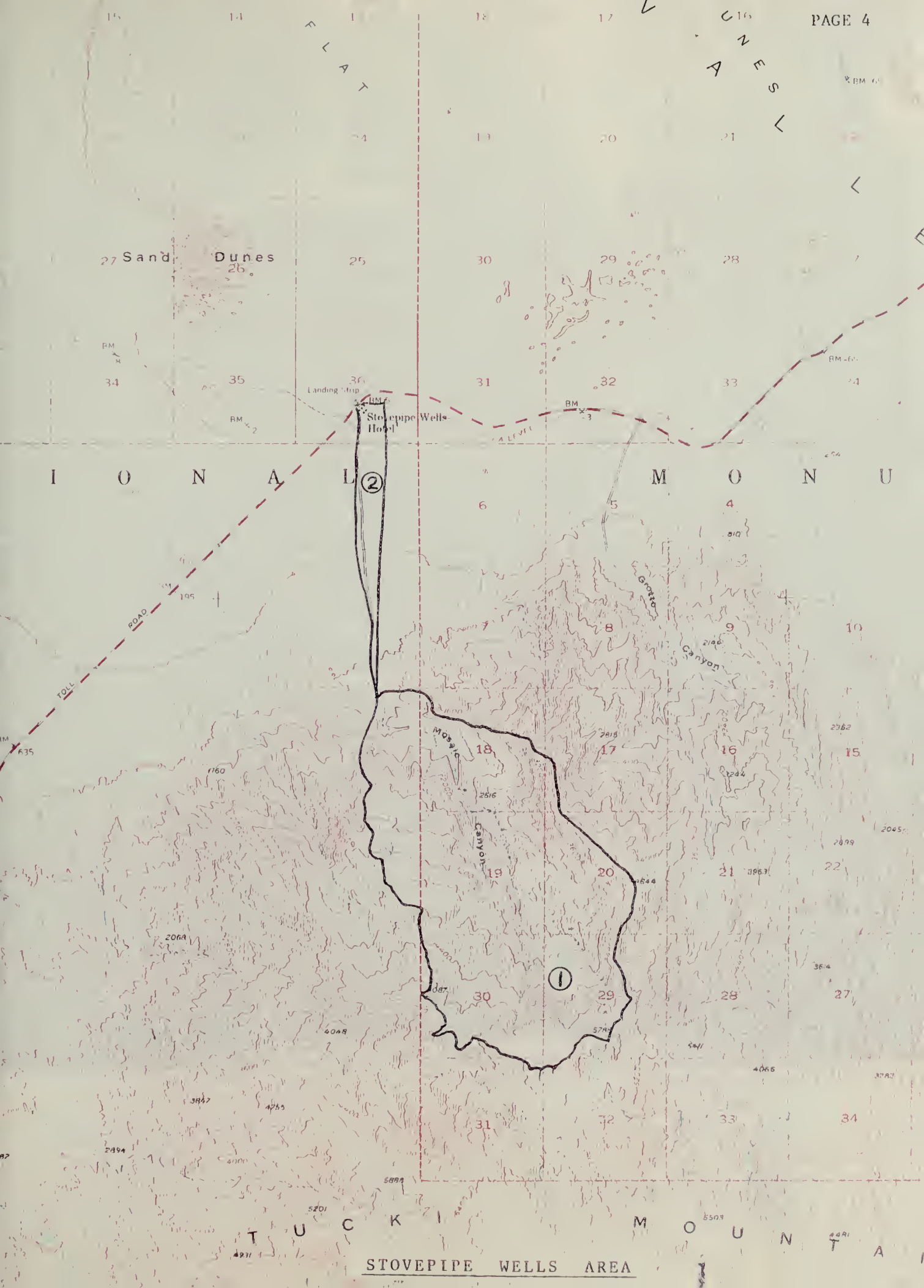
Alluvial Fan. A few earthen diversion dikes placed along the boundaries of Area (2) may prevent channels and washes from other, adjacent drainage areas from relocating into Area (2). Additional aerial and on-site reconnaissance would be required to locate positions for useful preventative dikes.

Stovepipe Wells. The main diversion dike above the development should be repositioned to form a wedge to divide the sheet flow from Area (2) into two channels along the face of the dike. The grade along the base of the dike should be steep enough to maintain the velocity of the flow sufficiently to prevent the deposition of sediment and debris. The flow velocity should not be excessive, however, which would undermine and erode the dike. The dike should be faced with riprap sized to accommodate the design flow velocities, and the dike should have an impermeable core to prevent water seepage. The existing topographic map, Drawing Number 143-41083, is adequate to design this new dike.

Some reshaping of the drainage channel within the development may be desirable. The existing mounds of soil within the development could be removed; however, grading for drainage around the buildings should be studied and improved.











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TABLE 1 DRAINAGE AREA CHARACTERISTICS

AREA NAME	AREA (MI. <sup>2</sup> )	LENGTH (MILES)	TIME OF CONC. (MIN.)	ELEV. MAX. (FEET)	ELEV. MIN. (FEET)	A/E CHANNEL SLOPE
1	4.52	3.9	28.6	5788	960	0.2345
2	0.40	2.4	30.4	960	0	0.0758

TIMES OF CONCENTRATION

$$T_c = \left( \frac{11.9 L^3}{\Delta E} \right)^{0.385}$$

L = LENGTH IN MILES

$T_c$  = TIME OF CONCENTRATION (HRS.)

$\Delta E$  = DIFFERENCE IN ELEVATION (FT.)

AREA 1 =  $\left[ \frac{11.9 (3.9)^3}{5788 - 960} \right]^{0.385} = 0.477 \text{ HRS.} = 28.6 \text{ MIN.}$

MOSAIC CANYON

AREA 2 =  $\left[ \frac{11.9 (2.4)^3}{960 - 0} \right]^{0.385} = 0.507 \text{ HRS.} = 30.4 \text{ MIN.}$

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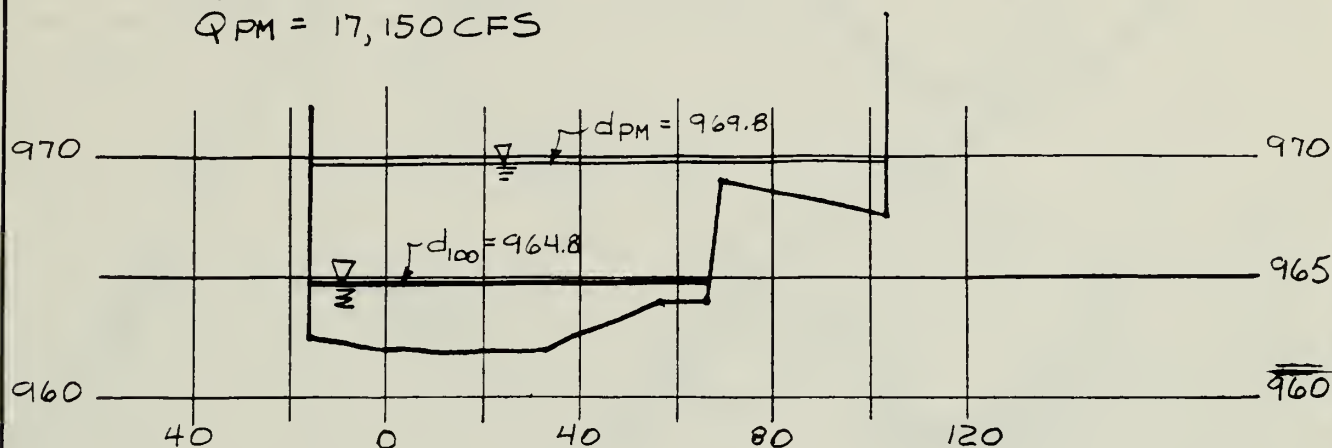
TABLE 2 PRECIPITATION AND RUNOFF

AREA NAME	MOSAIC CANYON	STOVEPIPE WELLS
<u>100 YR. PRECIPITATION</u>		
5 MINUTE	0.30 INCHES	0.30 INCHES
10 MINUTE	0.47 INCHES	0.46 INCHES
15 MINUTE	0.60 INCHES	0.59 INCHES
30 MINUTE	0.78 INCHES	0.81 INCHES
1 HOUR	1.02 INCHES	1.03 INCHES
2 HOUR	1.27 INCHES	1.17 INCHES
3 HOUR	1.44 INCHES	1.25 INCHES
<u>PROBABLE MAXIMUM</u>		
15 MINUTE	2.88 INCHES	2.88 INCHES
30 MINUTE	4.26 INCHES	4.26 INCHES
45 MINUTE	5.28 INCHES	5.28 INCHES
1 HOUR	6.00 INCHES	6.00 INCHES
2 HOUR	7.56 INCHES	7.56 INCHES
3 HOUR	8.04 INCHES	8.04 INCHES
AREA	4.52 MI. <sup>2</sup>	0.40 MI. <sup>2</sup>
100 YR. RUNOFF	2775 FT <sup>3</sup> /SEC.	220 FT <sup>3</sup> /SEC.
PROBABLE MAXIMUM RUNOFF	17,150 FT <sup>3</sup> /SEC.	1460 FT <sup>3</sup> /SEC.

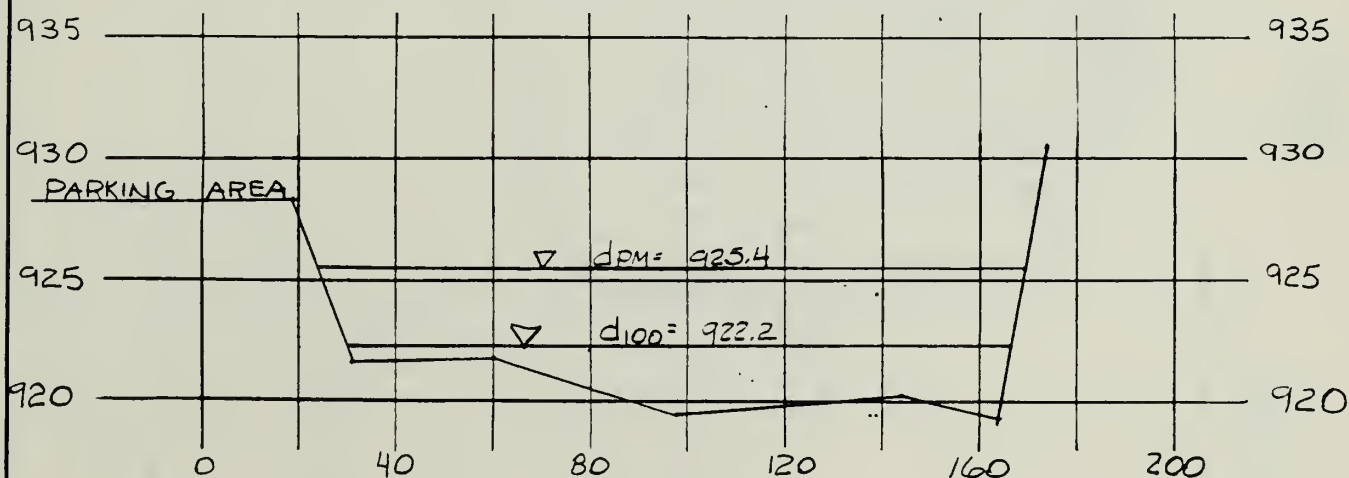


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### SECTIONS

 $Q_{100} = 2775 \text{ CFS}$ 
 $S = .08$ 
 $Q_{PM} = 17,150 \text{ CFS}$ 


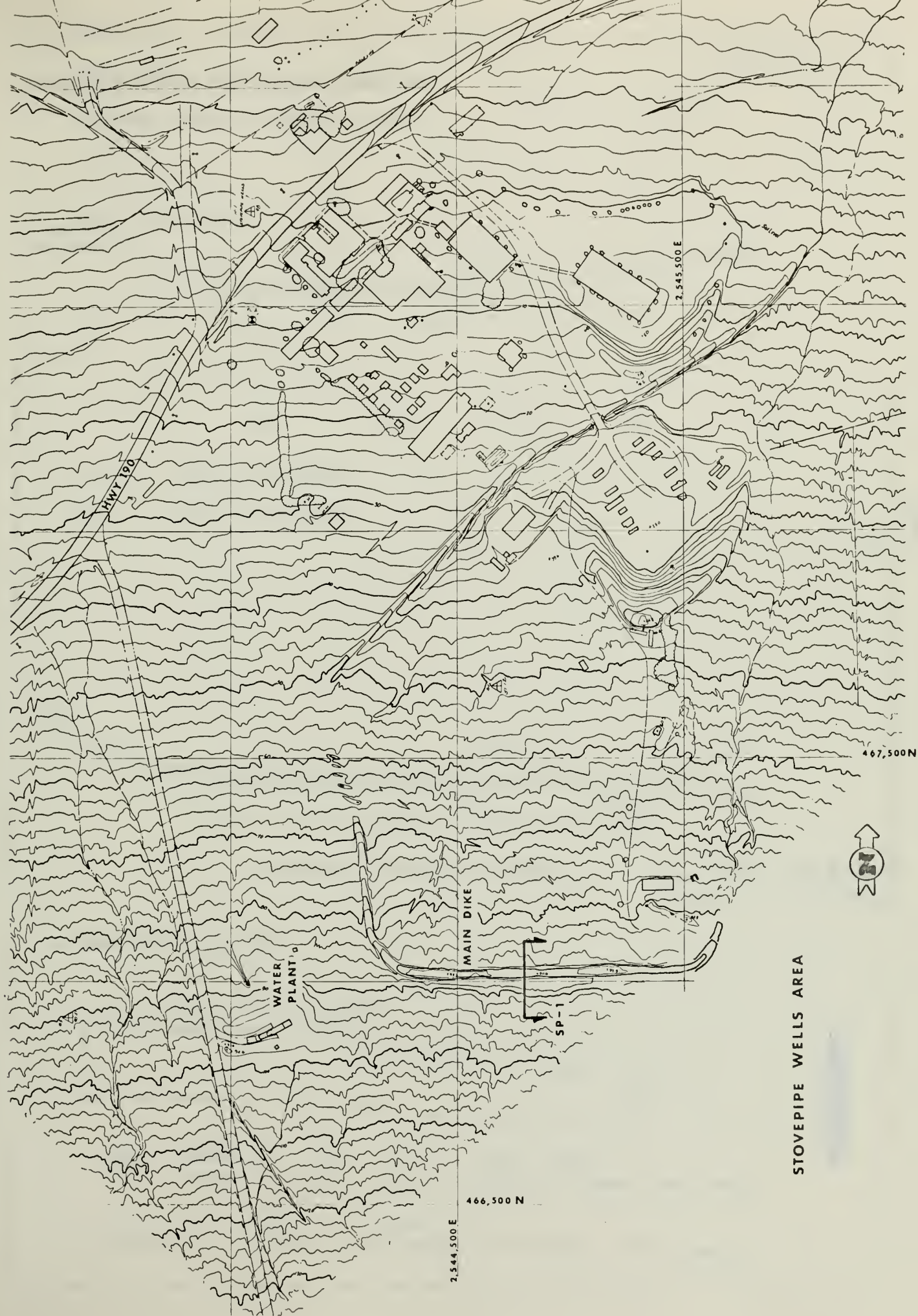
0+00 MC - MOUTH OF MOSAIC CANYON



5+00 MC - MOSAIC CANYON OUTFLOW AT PARKING





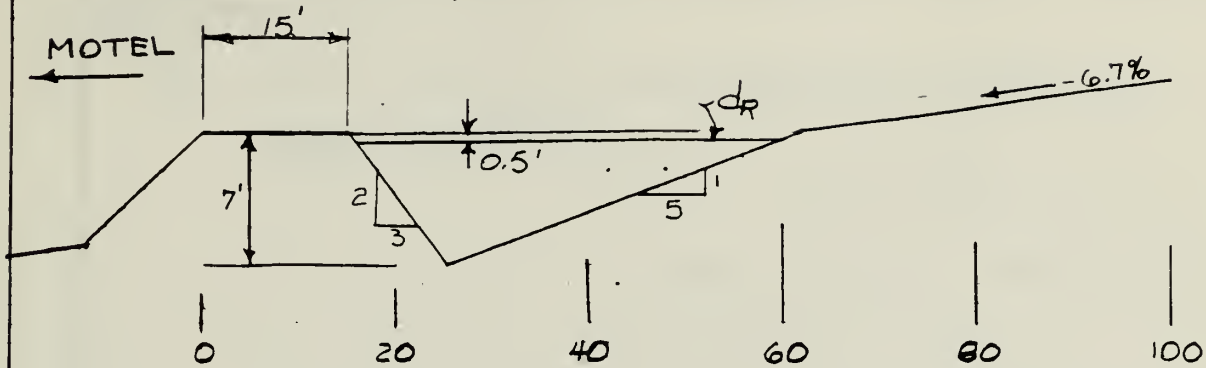


STOVEPIPE WELLS AREA



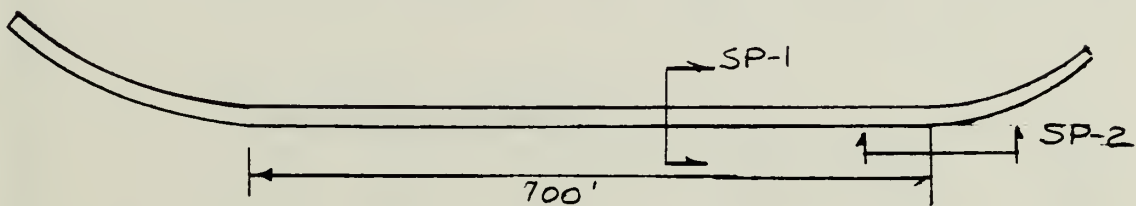
STOVE PIPE WELLS - DIKE

DIKE SECTION: SP-1



$$Q_{100} = 220 \text{ FT}^3/\text{SEC.}$$

$$Q_{PMF} = 1460 \text{ FT}^3/\text{SEC.}$$

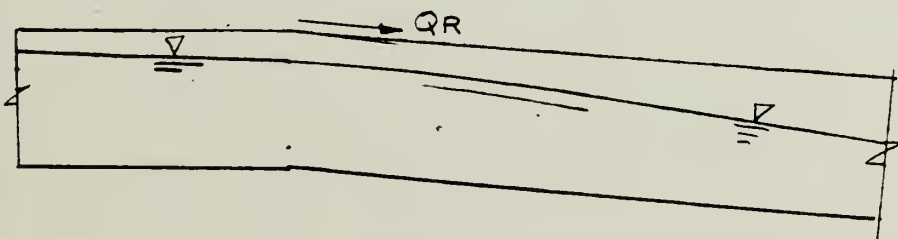


PLAN- MAIN DIKE

$$Q_{100}/\text{ft} = 0.3 \text{ FT}^3/\text{sec.}$$

$$Q_{PMF}/\text{ft} = 2.0 \text{ FT}^3/\text{sec.}$$

SECTION SP-2



QR = QUANTITY THAT CAN RUN OFF  
FROM DIKE = 412 FT<sup>3</sup>/SEC. FROM EACH END

Dike will carry  $Q_{100}$   
Dike will over flow 636 FT<sup>3</sup>/SEC. OF  $Q_{PMF}$ .





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## II PRECIPITATION

### A FIND PRECIPITATION FOR 100 YR. FREQUENCY MOSEAT CANYON

$$6 \text{ HR., } 100 \text{ YR. POINT} = .3 \text{ INCHES} = X_3$$

$$24 \text{ HR., } 100 \text{ YR. POINT} = 3.5 \text{ INCHES} = X_4$$

$$Y_{100} = 100 \text{ YR., } 1 \text{ HR. RAIN} = 0.322 + 0.789 \left[ X_3 \left( X_3 / X_4 \right) \right]$$

$$= 1.05 \text{ INCHES / HR.}$$

### FIND AMOUNTS FOR VARIOUS DURATIONS

REDUCE FOR  
AREA

$$100 \text{ YR., } 5 \text{ MIN.} = 0.29 (1.05) = 0.30 \text{ IN.} \rightarrow 0.30 \text{ IN.}$$

$$100 \text{ YR., } 10 \text{ MIN.} = 0.45 (1.05) = 0.47 \text{ IN.} \rightarrow 0.47 \text{ IN.}$$

$$100 \text{ YR., } 15 \text{ MIN.} = 0.57 (1.05) = 0.60 \text{ IN.} \rightarrow 0.60 \text{ IN.}$$

$$100 \text{ YR., } 30 \text{ MIN.} = 0.79 (1.05) = 0.83 \text{ IN.} \rightarrow 0.78 \text{ IN.}$$

$$100 \text{ YR., } 1 \text{ HR.} = 1.05 \text{ IN.} \rightarrow 1.02 \text{ IN.}$$

$$100 \text{ YR., } 2 \text{ HR.} = 1.30 \text{ INCHES} \rightarrow 1.27 \text{ IN.}$$

$$100 \text{ YR., } 3 \text{ HR.} = 1.45 \text{ INCHES} \rightarrow 1.44 \text{ IN.}$$

### STOVEPIPE WELLS

$$6 \text{ HR., } 100 \text{ YR. POINT} = 1.5 \text{ INCHES} = X_3$$

$$24 \text{ HR., } 100 \text{ YR. POINT} = 3.5 \text{ INCHES} = X_4$$

$$Y_{100} = 100 \text{ YR., } 1 \text{ HR. RAIN} = 0.322 + 0.789 \left[ \frac{X_3^2}{X_4} \right]$$

$$= 1.03 \text{ INCHES / HR.}$$

### FIND AMOUNTS FOR VARIOUS DURATIONS

$$100 \text{ YR., } 5 \text{ MIN.} = 0.29 (1.03) = 0.30 \text{ INCHES}$$

$$100 \text{ YR., } 10 \text{ MIN.} = 0.45 (1.03) = 0.46 \text{ INCHES}$$

$$100 \text{ YR., } 15 \text{ MIN.} = 0.57 (1.03) = 0.59 \text{ INCHES}$$

$$100 \text{ YR., } 30 \text{ MIN.} = 0.79 (1.03) = 0.81 \text{ INCHES}$$

$$100 \text{ YR., } 1 \text{ HR.} = 1.03 \text{ INCHES}$$

$$100 \text{ YR., } 2 \text{ HR.} = 1.17 \text{ INCHES}$$

$$100 \text{ YR., } 3 \text{ HR.} = 1.25 \text{ INCHES}$$



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## PRECIPITATION (CONT.)

### B FIND PROBABLE MAXIMUM RAINFALL

1 HOUR POINT RAINFALL = 6 INCHES / HR.

Death Valley lies in Zone II —

No adjustment for area required.

### RAINFALL FOR OTHER DURATIONS

15 MIN. = 0.48 (6) = 2.88 INCHES

30 MIN. = 0.71 (6) = 4.26 INCHES

45 MIN. = 0.83 (6) = 5.28 INCHES

1 HR. = 1 (6) = 6.00 INCHES

2 HR. = 1.26 (6) = 7.56 INCHES

3 HR. = 1.34 (6) = 8.04 INCHES

Information for Probable Maximum Rainfall from:

"Design of Small Dams" — by U.S. Dept. of Interior  
Bureau of Reclamation — 1974



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III RUNOFF

A 100 YR. FLOOD

$$T_p = \frac{1}{2} + 0.6 T_c$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(A)^{.78}}{T_p}$$

D = Duration (Hrs.)  
 T<sub>c</sub> = Time of Concentration (Hrs.)  
 A = Area (Mi.<sup>2</sup>)  
 Q<sub>T</sub> = Total Rainfall for specified duration  
 Q<sub>c</sub> = Peak Flow

AREA 1 - MOSAIC CANYON

Rainfall retention assumptions: Mountains - 0.1"  
 Flats - 0.25"

Total Retained. - ~100% Mountains = 0.1"

$$T_c = 0.477 \text{ HRS.} \quad A = 4.52 \text{ MI.}^2$$

TRY DURATION = 15 MIN.

$$T_p = \frac{.25}{2} + 0.6(0.477) = 0.4112$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(4.52)(0.60 - .1)}{0.4112} = 2660 \text{ cfs}$$

TRY DURATION = 30 MIN.

$$T_p = \frac{.5}{2} + 0.6(0.477) = 0.5362$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(4.52)(0.78 - .1)}{0.5362} = 2774 \text{ cfs}$$

TRY DURATION = 1 HR.

$$T_p = \frac{1}{2} + 0.6(0.477) = 0.7862$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(4.52)(1.02 - .1)}{0.7862} = 2560 \text{ cfs}$$

TRY RATIONAL METHOD - 30 MIN. STORM

$$Q_p = CIA = 1.00 \left( \frac{0.78}{\frac{1}{2} \text{ hr.}} \right) 640(4.52)$$

$$= 4513 \text{ cfs}$$

(assuming no retention  
 of rainfall after  
 30 MIN.)

TRY RATIONAL METHOD - 1 HR. STORM

$$Q_p = CIA = 1.00 \left( \frac{1.02}{1 \text{ hr.}} \right) 640(4.52)$$

$$= 2951 \text{ cfs}$$

(no retention after  
 1 HR.)

USE 2775 cfs





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RUNOFF

A 100 YR. FLOOD

AREA 2 - STOVEPIPE WELLS DEVELOPMENT

Rainfall Retention - assume 0.15" on the alluvial fan.

$$T_c = 0.507 \text{ HRS.} \quad A = 0.40 \text{ MI.}^2$$

TRY DURATION = 15 MIN.

$$T_p = 0.25/2 + 0.6 (0.507) = 0.4292$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484 (0.40) (0.60 - 0.15)}{0.4292} = 203 \text{ cfs}$$

TRY DURATION = 30 MIN.

$$T_p = 0.5/2 + 0.6 (0.507) = 0.5542$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484 (0.40) (0.78 - 0.15)}{0.5542} = 220 \text{ cfs}$$

TRY DURATION = 1 HR.

$$T_p = 1/2 + 0.6 (0.507) = 0.8042$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484 (0.40) (1.02 - 0.15)}{0.8042} = 209 \text{ cfs}$$

TRY RATIONAL METHOD - 30 MIN. STORM (assume no retention by soil after 30 MIN.)

$$Q_p = CIA = 1.00 \left( \frac{0.73}{1/2 \text{ HR.}} \right) 640 (0.40) = 379 \text{ cfs}$$

TRY RATIONAL METHOD - 1 HR. STORM (assume no retention by soil after 1 HR.)

$$Q_p = CIA = 1.00 \left( \frac{1.02}{1 \text{ HR.}} \right) 640 (0.40) = 261 \text{ cfs}$$

USE 220 cfs



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### III RUNOFF

#### B PMP FLOOD

$$T_p = D/2 + 0.5 T_c$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(A)(Q_r)}{T_p}$$

D = Duration (Hrs.)

T<sub>c</sub> = Time of Concentration (Hrs.)

A = Area (mi<sup>2</sup>)

Q<sub>r</sub> = Total Rainfall for specified duration

Q<sub>p</sub> = Peak Flow

#### AREA I - MOSAIC CANYON

Rainfall retention assumptions: Mountains - 0.1"  
Flats - 0.25"

Total Retained - ≈ 100% Mountains = 0.1"

$$T_c = 0.477 \text{ HRS.} \quad A = 4.52 \text{ MI.}^2$$

TRY DURATION = 15 MIN.

$$T_p = 0.25/2 + 0.6(0.477) = 0.4112$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(4.52)(2.38 - 0.1")}{0.4112} = 14,790 \text{ cfs}$$

TRY DURATION = 30 MIN.

$$T_p = 0.5/2 + 0.6(0.477) = 0.5362$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(4.52)(4.26 - 0.1")}{0.5362} = 16,973 \text{ cfs}$$

TRY DURATION = 45 MIN.

$$T_p = 0.75/2 + 0.6(0.477) = 0.6612$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(4.52)(5.23 - 0.1")}{0.6612} = 17,139 \text{ cfs}$$

TRY DURATION = 1 HR. MIN.

$$T_p = 1/2 + 0.6(0.477) = 0.7352$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(4.52)(6 - 0.1")}{0.7352} = 16,417 \text{ cfs}$$

TRY RATIONAL METHOD - 30 MIN STORM

(assume no retention of rainfall after 30 MIN.)

$$Q_p = CIA = 1.00 \left( \frac{4.26}{1/2 \text{ H.R.}} \right) 640(4.52) = 24,647 \text{ cfs}$$

TRY RATIONAL METHOD - 45 MIN. STORM

(assume no retention after 1 HR.)

$$Q_p = CIA = 1.00 \left( \frac{5.23}{1 \text{ H.R.}} \right) 640(4.52) = 15,274 \text{ cfs}$$

USE 17,150 CFS





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III RUNOFF

### 3 PMP FLOOD

#### AREA 2 - STOVEPIPE WELLS DEVELOPMENT

Rainfall Retention - assume 0.15" on the alluvial fan.

$$T_c = 0.507 \text{ HRS.} \quad A = 0.40 \text{ MI.}^2$$

#### TRY DURATION = 15 MIN.

$$T_p = 0.25/2 + 0.6(0.507) = 0.4292$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(0.40)(2.38 - 0.15)}{0.4292} = 1231 \text{ cfs}$$

#### TRY DURATION = 30 MIN.

$$T_p = 0.5/2 + 0.6(0.507) = 0.5542$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(0.40)(4.26 - 0.15)}{0.5542} = 1436 \text{ cfs}$$

#### TRY DURATION = 45 MIN.

$$T_p = 0.75/2 + 0.6(0.507) = 0.6792$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(0.40)(5.28 - 0.15)}{0.6792} = 1462 \text{ cfs}$$

#### TRY RATIONAL METHOD - 30 MIN. STORM (assume no retention by soil after 30 min.)

$$Q_p = CIA = 1.00 \left( \frac{4.26}{1/2 \text{ H.R.}} \right) 640(0.40) = 2181 \text{ cfs}$$

#### TRY RATIONAL METHOD - 45 MIN. STORM (assume no retention by soil after 45 min.)

$$Q_p = CIA = 1.00 \left( \frac{5.28}{0.75 \text{ H.R.}} \right) 640(0.40) = 1802 \text{ cfs}$$

USE 1460 cfs



# EMIGRANT RANGER STATION



## BASELINE FLOODPLAIN ANALYSIS

Death Valley National Monument  
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Flood Mitigation Studies  
Package 271

### REPORT ON AREAS:

#### COW CREEK:

FC-1	Park Village
FC-2A	NPS Maintenance
FC-2B	School Wash
FC-2C	Cow Creek Drainage

#### FURNACE CREEK:

FC-3	NPS Headquarters and Ranch
FC-5	Furnace Creek Inn, Water Supply, & Indian Village
FC-6	Furnace Creek to Zabriskie Point

#### STOVEPIPE WELLS

SP-1	Mosaic Canyon
SP-2	Stovepipe Wells Development



#### EMIGRANT

Emigrant Canyon
Emigrant Ranger Station

#### MESQUITE CAMPGROUND

#### SCOTTY'S CASTLE

SC-1	Tie Canyon
SC-2	Castle Area
SC-2	Water Supply
SC-3	Grapevine Canyon .

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## EMIGRANT CANYON RANGER STATION

### GENERAL BACKGROUND

An introduction to the general flood problems of Death Valley, geographic setting, and general discussion of precipitation are included in a study titled Potential Hazards from Floodflows and Debris Movement in the Furnace Creek Area, by John R. Crippen, USGS.

The Task Directive for Flood Mitigation Studies, Packages 271 and 301, approved on December 10, 1983, discusses obtaining baseline data for several areas including Emigrant Ranger Station. The information that the studies should provide is also addressed.

Emigrant Ranger Station area includes the ranger station with attached ranger's residence, a travel trailer with utilities, a comfort station, and a 10-site campground. The ranger station is 1.75 miles downhill from the mouth of Emigrant Canyon, and is also 4.5 miles downhill from the mouth of Towne Pass canyon. The station is near the junction of Highway 190 and Highway 178.

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this study is to determine (1) the precipitation and runoff for Emigrant Canyon and Towne Pass which concurrently or separately will produce the maximum 100-year and probable maximum flood at the Emigrant Ranger Station; (2) the extent of flooding at selected critical sections; and (3) the locations for which some method of flood mitigation should be provided.

### STUDY AREA

The areas of concern for this report include the portion of the Towne Pass drainage basin which will contribute runoff to the Emigrant Ranger Station Wash; the drainage basin which will contribute directly to Emigrant Canyon; and the Harrisburg Flats basin which contributes to Emigrant Canyon. The drainage areas are shown on pages 4 and 5, and are labeled (1) for Towne Pass, (2) for Emigrant Canyon, and (3) for Harrisburg Flats. Page 6 is a copy of a photograph showing the mouth of the Towne Pass canyon, the mouth of Emigrant Canyon, and the Emigrant Ranger Station location. The maximum runoff which will affect the ranger station area for the 100-year and probable maximum precipitation will depend on the basin characteristics of the three areas either contributing independently or in combination. The characteristics of the separate and combined basins are given in Table 1 on page 7.

### METHODOLOGY

Precipitation for the 100-year storm was determined using the procedures and isopluvials in NOAA ATLAS 2, Volume XI, prepared by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Precipitation for the probable maximum thunderstorm was determined using the procedures and isohyets as prescribed in DESIGN OF SMALL DAMS, Second Edition, Bureau of Reclamation. Precipitation for the areas and combinations of areas is summarized in Table 2 on page 8.



Runoff was determined by the procedures described in DESIGN OF SMALL DAMS, and USGS Topographic Maps, Emigrant Canyon and Panamint Butte, California. Since areas have their precipitation and rainfall intensity adjusted for size, and since combinations of areas have varying times of concentration, several separate and combined areas were examined to determine the maximum rates of runoff. Runoffs for the areas and combinations of areas are also summarized in Table 2 on page 8.

Flood extents at two locations were determined using Manning's Formular with "n" values of 0.045. The two sections, one at the mouth of Emigrant Canyon and one at the wash adjacent to the Emigrant Ranger Station, were taken on-site. The cross-sections are shown on pages 9 and 10.

## RESULTS

The USGS topographic map of Emigrant Canyon on page 4 and the aerial photograph on page 6 indicate that the runoff from Emigrant Canyon follows Emigrant Wash which is 700 to 1000 feet west of the ranger station. On-site and aerial examination revealed, however, that the drainage channel at the mouth of Emigrant Canyon will carry only the normally small flows which occur relatively frequently. Larger flows generated by storms of 50 years or longer recurrence will overflow the channel at a critical section near the mouth and flow into the drainage from Towne Pass.

The combined runoff from the Towne Pass, Emigrant Canyon, and Harrisburg Flats drainage areas produced the maximum peak flows for both the 100-year and the probable maximum floods. The large, almost basin-like shape of Harrisburg Flats may affect the validity of the soil percolation assumptions; however, the combined effect of Towne Pass and Emigrant Canyon drainages produced almost the same results. The flows reaching the Emigrant Ranger Station area have been reduced by the amount of flow remaining in the Emigrant Wash.

The critical section for the mouth of Emigrant Canyon is shown on page 9. Some of the runoff will overflow into Towne Pass drainage which will threaten the Emigrant Ranger Station.

A cross-section of the wash adjacent to the Emigrant Ranger Station is shown on page 10. The wash will contain the maximum flood.

## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER STUDY AND FLOOD MITIGATION

Emigrant Canyon: The critical section near the mouth of Emigrant Canyon could be widened to increase capacity, and a dip in Highway 178 to accommodate larger flows without damage to the highway could be installed. Some additional field measurements would be required to prepare preliminary designs and estimates.

Emigrant Junction: Near the junction of Highway 178 and Highway 190, a diversion dike upstream of Highway 178 and a dip in Highway 178 are necessary to protect the highways and to ensure that the combined design flow remains within a predictable channel. A survey crew obtained the necessary basic data in October, 1984.



Emigrant Ranger Station: The wash will contain the maximum flows; however, the high velocities of 8 to 17 feet per second for the 100-year and greater floods require that the channel adjacent to the ranger station be lined. Large quarry-stone riprap extending a few hundred feet upstream from the ranger station would be the probable solution. The riprap would need to be keyed into the streambed for three to four feet and would be placed at a 1 on 2 slope to about 9 feet high. The dike may need to be heightened or thickened in places to provide adequate support for the riprap. The riprap construction would not be visible outside of the wash.

In the Spring of 1984, a survey crew obtained basic field data by which preliminary drawings and estimates can be made.

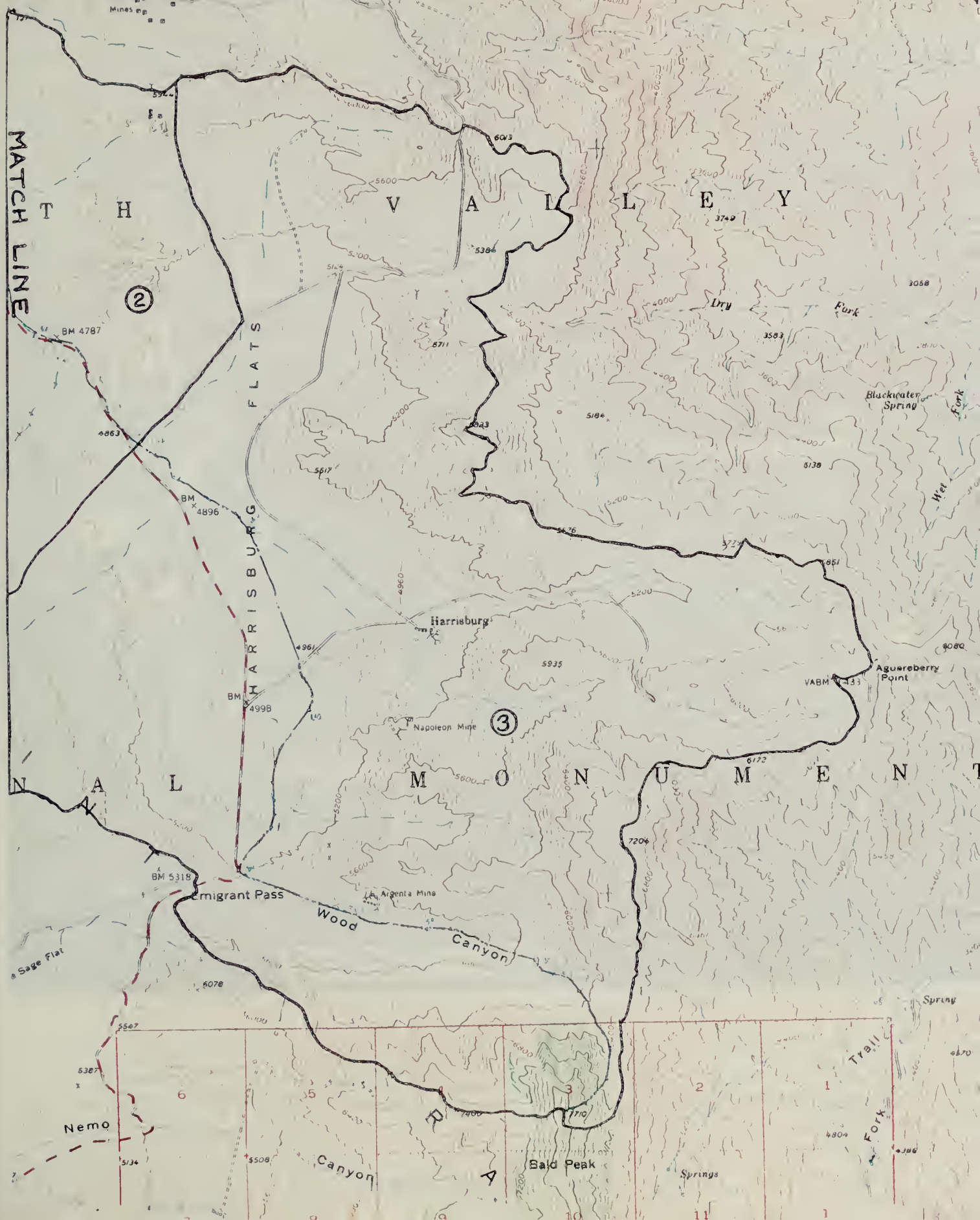
















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EMIGRANT AREA







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TABLE 1 - DRAINAGE AREA CHARACTERISTICS

AREA NAME	AREA (MI. <sup>2</sup> )	LENGTH (MILES)	TIME OF CONC. (MIN.)	ELEV. MAX. (FEET.)	ELEV. MIN. (FEET.)	AVE CHANNEL SLOPE
1	20.98	10.5	86.4	7510	2160	0.0965
2	17.31	10.45	98.1	6509	2720	0.0687
1+2	40.79	11.95	114.5	6509	2160	0.0689
2+3	49.63	16.2	146.4	7710	2720	0.0583
1+2+3	70.61	17.75	156.1	7710	2160	0.0592

TIMES OF CONCENTRATION

$$T_c = \left( \frac{11.9 L^3}{\Delta E} \right)^{0.335}$$

L = LENGTH IN MILES

T<sub>c</sub> = TIME OF CONCENTRATION (HRS.)

ΔE = DIFFERENCE IN ELEVATION (FT.)

$$\text{AREA 1} = \left[ \frac{11.9 (10.5)^3}{7510 - 2160} \right]^{0.335} = 1.44 \text{ HRS} = 86.4 \text{ MIN.}$$

Emigrant Pass

$$\text{AREA 2} = \left[ \frac{11.9 (10.45)^3}{6509 - 2720} \right]^{0.335} = 1.63 \text{ HRS} = 98.1 \text{ MIN.}$$

Emigrant Canyon

$$\text{AREAS 2+3} = \left[ \frac{11.9 (16.2)^3}{7710 - 2720} \right]^{0.335} = 2.44 \text{ HRS.} = 146.4 \text{ MIN.}$$

Emigrant Pass  
+  
HARRISBURG FLATS

$$\text{AREAS 1+2+3} = \left[ \frac{11.9 (17.75)^3}{7710 - 2160} \right]^{0.335} = 2.60 \text{ HRS.} = 156.1 \text{ MIN.}$$

$$\text{AREAS 1+2} = \left[ \frac{11.9 (11.95)^3}{6509 - 2160} \right]^{0.335} = 1.91 \text{ HRS.} = 114.5 \text{ MIN.}$$



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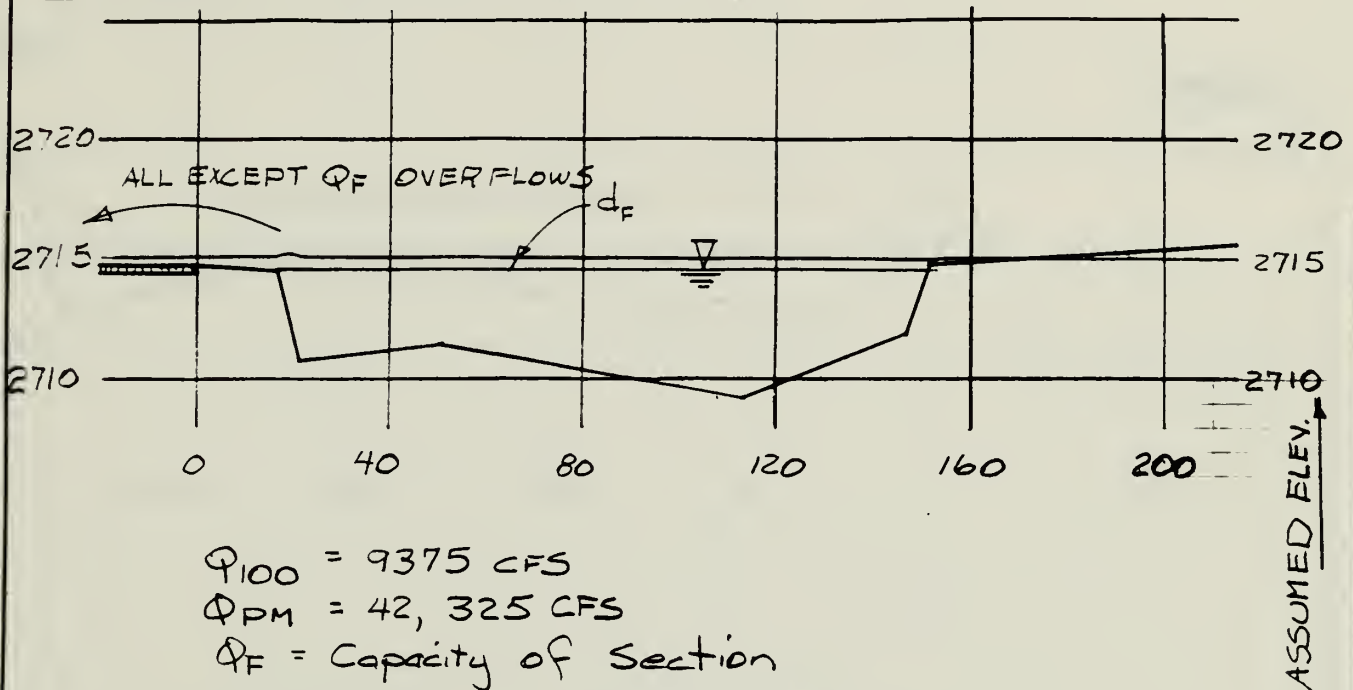
TABLE 2 PRECIPITATION AND RUNOFF

	AREA 1 - TOWNE PASS	AREA 2 - EMIGRANT CANYON	AREAS 1 + 2	AREAS 2+3 EMIGRANT + HARRISBURG	AREAS 1 + 2 + 3
<u>100 YR. PRECIPITATION</u>					
5 MINUTES	0.30 IN.	0.30 IN.	0.30 IN.	0.30 IN.	0.30 IN.
10 MINUTES	0.46 IN.	0.46 IN.	0.46 IN.	0.46 IN.	0.46 IN.
15 MINUTES	0.59 IN.	0.59 IN.	0.59 IN.	0.59 IN.	0.59 IN.
30 MINUTES	0.67 IN.	0.67 IN.	0.59 IN.	0.56 IN.	0.52 IN.
1 HOUR	0.92 IN.	0.92 IN.	0.85 IN.	0.82 IN.	0.78 IN.
2 HOURS	1.15 IN.	1.15 IN.	1.09 IN.	1.06 IN.	1.02 IN.
3 HOURS	1.43 IN.	1.43 IN.	1.37 IN.	1.35 IN.	1.31 IN.
<u>PROBABLE MAXIMUM</u>					
15 MINUTE	2.07 IN.	2.10 IN.	1.81 IN.	1.73 IN.	1.53 IN.
30 MINUTE	3.07 IN.	3.11 IN.	2.68 IN.	2.56 IN.	2.26 IN.
45 MINUTE	3.80 IN.	3.85 IN.	3.33 IN.	3.17 IN.	2.80 IN.
1 HOUR	4.32 IN.	4.38 IN.	3.78 IN.	3.60 IN.	3.18 IN.
2 HOURS	—	—	—	—	—
3 HOURS	—	—	—	—	—
AREA	20.98 MI. <sup>2</sup>	19.81 MI. <sup>2</sup>	40.79 MI. <sup>2</sup>	49.63 MI. <sup>2</sup>	70.61 MI. <sup>2</sup>
100 YR. RUNOFF	6000 $\frac{\text{FT}^3}{\text{SEC}}$	5250 $\frac{\text{FT}^3}{\text{SEC}}$	8900 $\frac{\text{FT}^3}{\text{SEC}}$	9375 $\frac{\text{FT}^3}{\text{SEC}}$	13,200 $\frac{\text{FT}^3}{\text{SEC}}$
PROBABLE MAXIMUM RUNOFF	31,275 $\frac{\text{FT}^3}{\text{SEC}}$	27,670 $\frac{\text{FT}^3}{\text{SEC}}$	43,900 $\frac{\text{FT}^3}{\text{SEC}}$	42,325 $\frac{\text{FT}^3}{\text{SEC}}$	50,500 $\frac{\text{FT}^3}{\text{SEC}}$
100 YR. RUNOFF AT RANGER STA.	6000 $\frac{\text{FT}^3}{\text{SEC}}$	0	6,000 $\frac{\text{FT}^3}{\text{SEC}}$	375 $\frac{\text{FT}^3}{\text{SEC}}$	6,000 $\frac{\text{FT}^3}{\text{SEC}}$
PROBABLE MAX. AT RANGER STA.	31,275 $\frac{\text{FT}^3}{\text{SEC}}$	18,600 $\frac{\text{FT}^3}{\text{SEC}}$	34,900 $\frac{\text{FT}^3}{\text{SEC}}$	33,300 $\frac{\text{FT}^3}{\text{SEC}}$	41,500 $\frac{\text{FT}^3}{\text{SEC}}$



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## EMIGRANT CANYON OVERFLOW



$$Q_{100} = 9375 \text{ CFS}$$

$$\Phi_{PM} = 42,325 \text{ CFS}$$

$Q_F$  = Capacity of section

FROM  $\frac{Q}{A} = V = \frac{1.486}{n} \left( \frac{A}{P} \right)^{2/3} S^{1/2}$

$$A = 510$$

$P = 137$

$$n = .045$$

$$\underline{S} = 0.05$$

$$Q_E = 9000 \text{ CFS}$$

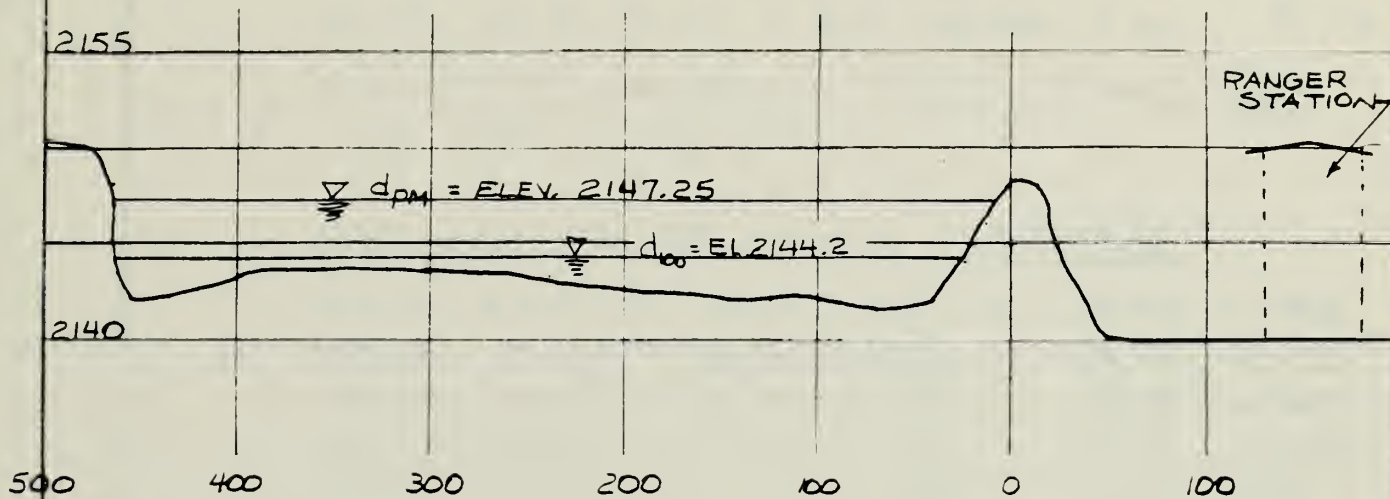
QPMP For the Ranger Station =  $50,500 - 9000 = 41,500$

Q100 For the " " = 6,000 cfs (Area 1 governs)

$$d_F = \text{ELEV. } 2714.6$$







$$S = 0.06$$

$$n = 0.045$$

$$Q_{pm} = 41,500 \text{ CFS}$$

$$\text{ELEV. OF } d_{pmp} = 2147.25$$

$$Q_{100} = 6,000 \text{ CFS}$$

$$\text{ELEV. OF } d_{100} = 2144.2$$



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## II PRECIPITATION

### A FIND PRECIPITATION FOR 100 YR. FREQUENCY

ALL AREAS

$$6 \text{ HR., } 50 \text{ YR. POINT} = .9 \text{ INCHES} = X_3 \quad F_3 \text{ 37}$$

$$24 \text{ HR., } 50 \text{ YR. POINT} = 4.0 \text{ INCHES} = X_4 \quad F_4 \text{ 43}$$

$$Y_{100} = 100 \text{ IF., 1-HR. RAIN} = 0.322 + 0.789 \left[ \frac{X_3^2}{X_4} \right]$$

$$= 1.03 \text{ INCHES / HR.}$$

### FIND AMOUNTS FOR VARIOUS DURATIONS - P.17

$$100 \text{ YR., 5 MIN.} = 0.29 (1.03) = 0.30 \text{ INCHES}$$

$$100 \text{ YR., 10 MIN.} = 0.45 (1.03) = 0.46 \text{ INCHES}$$

$$100 \text{ YR., 15 MIN.} = 0.57 (1.03) = 0.59 \text{ INCHES}$$

$$100 \text{ YR., 30 MIN.} = 0.79 (1.03) = 0.81 \text{ INCHES}$$

$$100 \text{ YR., 1 HR.} = 1 (1.03) = 1.03 \text{ INCHES}$$

$$100 \text{ YR., 2 HR.} = 1.25 \text{ INCHES}$$

$$50 \text{ YR., 3 HR.} = 1.50 \text{ INCHES}$$

### REDUCE FOR AREA SIZE - P.13

AREA	30 MIN	1-HR.	2HR.	3HR.	6HR.
1	0.67	0.92	1.15	1.43	1.83
2	0.67	0.92	1.15	1.43	1.83
1+2	0.59	0.85	1.09	1.37	1.78
2+3	0.56	0.82	1.06	1.35	1.76
1+2+3	0.52	0.78	1.02	1.31	1.73

Information from NOAA Atlas 2- Volume II for California.



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## II PRECIPITATION (CONT.)

### 3 FIND PROBABLE MAXIMUM RAINFALL

1 HOUR POINT RAINFALL = 6 INCHES /HR.

The Death Valley area lies in Zone II -  
ADJUST FOR AREA.

AREA.

1	0.72 (6)	= 4.32 INCHES /HR.
2	0.73 (5)	= 4.38 INCHES /HR.
1+2	0.63 (6)	= 3.78 INCHES /HR.
2+3	0.60 (6)	= 3.60 INCHES /HR.
1+2+3	0.53 (6)	= 3.18 INCHES /HR.

AREA	15 MIN. 48% of 1HR.	30 MIN. 72% of 1HR.	45 MIN. 83% of 1HR.	1 HR. 100% of 1HR.	2 HR.	3 HR.
1	2.07	3.07	3.80	4.32	NOT APPLICABLE	NOT APPLICABLE
2	2.10	3.11	3.85	4.38	T-STORMS WILL NOT OCCUR LONGER THAN 1HR.	T-STORMS WILL NOT OCCUR LONGER THAN 1HR.
1+2	1.81	2.68	3.33	3.78	P.52	P.52
2+3	1.73	2.56	3.17	3.60		
1+2+3	1.53	2.26	2.80	3.18		

Information for Probable Maximum Rainfall from:  
"Design of Small Dams" - by U.S. Dept. of Interior  
Bureau of Reclamation - 1974





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### III RUNOFF

A 100 YR. FLOOD

$$T_D = D' / 2 + .6 T_C$$

$D$  = DURATION OF STORM (HRS.)  
 $T_C$  = TIME OF CONCENTRATION (HRS.)

$$Q_P = \frac{434 (A) Q_T}{T_P}$$

$A$  = AREA (MI<sup>2</sup>)  
 $Q_T$  = TOTAL RAINFALL FOR SPECIFIED DURATION

AREA - TIME PASS

$Q_P$  = peak flow at Emigrant Ranger Station.

Assume .1" rain retained in mountain areas - 85% = .035

Assume .25 " " flat areas - 15% = .0375

$$T_C = 1.44 \text{ HRS.} \quad A = 20.93 \text{ MI}^2$$

.1225" retained.

TRY DURATION = 30 MIN.

$$T_D = 1/2 + .6 (1.44) = 1.114$$

$$Q_P = \frac{434 (20.93) (.067 - .12)}{1.114} = 5013 \text{ cfs.}$$

TRY DURATION = 1 HR.

$$T_D = 1/2 + .6 (1.44) = 1.364$$

$$Q_P = \frac{434 (20.93) (.12 - .12)}{1.364} = 5956 \text{ cfs.}$$

TRY DURATION = 2 HR.

$$T_D = 7/2 + .6 (1.44) = 1.334$$

$$Q_P = \frac{434 (20.93) (.15 - .12)}{1.334} = 5011 \text{ cfs.}$$

TRY RATIONAL METHOD: 2 HR. STORM

2.44 mi<sup>2</sup>  
 no retention on soil after 2 HR.

$$Q_P = CIA = 1.00 \left( \frac{1.15}{2 \text{ HRS.}} \right) 640 (20.93) = 7,721 \text{ cfs.}$$

USE 6000 cfs



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III RUNOFF

A 100 YR. FLOOD

AREA 2 - EMIGRANT CANYON

Rainfall retention assumptions: Mountains - 0.1"  
Flats - 0.25"

Total retained: 10% Flats  $\times .25$  + 90% Mount.  $\times .1$  = .115 INCHES

$T_C = 1.63$  HRS  $A = 19.31$  MI.<sup>2</sup>

TRY DURATION = 30 MIN.

$$T_P = \frac{1}{2} + .6(1.63) = 1.228$$

$$Q_P = \frac{434(19.31)(0.57 - .115)}{1.228} = 4333 \text{ cfs}$$

TRY DURATION = 1 HR.

$$T_P = \frac{1}{2} + .6(1.63) = 1.478$$

$$Q_P = \frac{434(19.31)(0.52 - .115)}{1.478} = 5222 \text{ cfs}$$

TRY DURATION = 2 HR.

$$T_P = \frac{3}{2} + .6(1.63) = 1.978$$

$$Q_P = \frac{434(19.31)(1.5 - .115)}{1.978} = 5017 \text{ cfs}$$

TRY RATIONAL METHOD - 2 HR. STORM - no retention of rainfall after 2 HRS.

$$Q_P = CIA = 1.00 \left( \frac{1.15}{2 \text{ HRS.}} \right) 640(19.31) = 7290 \text{ cfs}$$

USE 5250 cfs



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### III RUNOFF

A 100 YR. FLOOD

AREAS 1 AND 2 - TOWNE PASS AND EMIGRANT CANYON

Rainfall Retention Assumptions : Mountains - 0.1"

Flats - 0.25"

Total retained - Ave. 1 & 2 = 0.12"

$T_c = 1.91$  HRS. AREA = 40.79 MI.<sup>2</sup>

TRY DURATION = 1HR.

$$T_p = \frac{1}{2} + 0.6(1.91) = 1.646$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(40.79)(.85 - .12)}{1.646} = 8756 \text{ cfs}$$

TRY DURATION = 2HRS.

$$T_p = \frac{2}{2} + 0.6(1.91) = 2.146$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(40.79)(1.09 - .12)}{2.146} = 8924 \text{ cfs}$$

TRY DURATION = 3HRS.

$$T_p = \frac{3}{2} + 0.6(1.91) = 3.146$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(40.79)(1.37 - .12)}{3.146} = 7844 \text{ cfs}$$

TRY RATIONAL METHOD - 3HR. STORM

assume no retention  
by soil after  
3 HRS.

$$Q_p = CIA = 1.00 \left( \frac{1.37}{3 \text{ HRS}} \right) 640(40.79)$$

$$= 11,922 \text{ cfs}$$

USE 8900 cfs





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RUNOFF

A 100 YR. FLOOD

AREAS 2 & 3 : EMIGRANT CANYON AND HARBERS FLATS

Retention Retent or Assumptions : Mountains : 0.1"  
Flats : 0.25"

Total Retained = 25% flats x .25" - 75% Mts x .1" = .14 INCHES

$T_c = 2.44$  HRS.  $A = 49.63$  M<sup>2</sup>

TRY DURATION = 1HR.

$$T_p = \frac{1}{2} - .6 (2.44) = 1.964$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484 / (49.63)^{.35} (1.96 - .14)}{1.964} = 8317 \text{ cfs}$$

TRY DURATION = 2HR.

$$T_p = \frac{3}{2} - .6 (2.44) = 2.464$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484 / (49.63)^{.35} (2.46 - .14)}{2.464} = 8969 \text{ cfs}$$

TRY DURATION = 3HR.

$$T_p = \frac{3}{2} + .6 (2.44) = 2.964$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484 / (49.63)^{.35} (2.96 - .14)}{2.964} = 9806 \text{ cfs}$$

TRY RATIONAL METHOD - 3HR. STORM

$$Q_p = CIA = 1.00 \frac{(1.25)^{.35}}{3 \text{ HRS.}} 640 (49.63)$$

$$= 4293 \text{ cfs}$$

1.25 is no  
10 cent or 10 in  
with 3-HRS.

USE 9375 cfs



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III RUNOFF

A 100 YR. FLOOD

AREAS 1, 2, & 3 - TOWLE PASS, EMIGRANT CANYON & HARRISBURG FLATS

Rainfall Retention Assumptions: Mountains - 0.1"  
Flats - 0.25"

Total Retained = 22% Flats  $\times$  0.25" + 78% Mtns  $\times$  0.1" = 0.13 IN.

$T_c = 2.60$  HRS.  $A = 70.61$  MI.<sup>2</sup>

TRY DURATION = 1 HR.

$$T_p = \frac{1}{2} + .6(2.60) = 2.06$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(70.61)(0.78 - 0.13)}{2.06} = 10,783 \text{ cfs}$$

TRY DURATION = 2 HR.

$$T_p = \frac{2}{2} + .6(2.60) = 2.56$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(70.61)(1.02 - 0.13)}{2.56} = 11,881 \text{ cfs}$$

TRY DURATION = 3 HR.

$$T_p = \frac{3}{2} + .6(2.60) = 3.06$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(70.61)(1.31 - 0.13)}{3.06} = 13,179 \text{ cfs}$$

RATIONAL METHOD NOT APPLICABLE FOR SUCH A LARGE AREA.

USE 13,200 cfs



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III RUNOFF

B PMP FLOOD

$$T_P = D/2 + 0.6 T_C$$

$$Q_P = \frac{434 (A) Q_T}{T_P}$$

D = DURATION OF STORM (HRS.)  
 T<sub>C</sub> = TIME OF CONCENTRATION (HRS.)  
 A = AREA (MI)<sup>2</sup>  
 Q<sub>T</sub> = TOTAL RAINFALL FOR SPECIFIED DURATION  
 Q<sub>P</sub> = PEAK FLOW AT EMIGRANT R.S.

AREA 1 - TOWNE PASS

- Retention assumptions:

$$\text{Total retained} = 35\% \text{ area} \times .1 + 15\% \text{ area} \times .25 = .12$$

Mountains - 0.1"  
 Flats - 0.25"

$$T_C = 1.44 \text{ HRS.} \quad A = 20.93 \text{ MI.}^2$$

TRY DURATION 30 MIN.

$$T_P = .5/2 + .6 (1.44) = 1.114$$

$$Q_P = \frac{434 (20.93) (3.07 - .12)}{1.114} = 26,890 \text{ cfs}$$

TRY DURATION = 1 HR.

$$T_P = 1/2 + .6 (1.44) = 1.364$$

$$Q_P = \frac{434 (20.93) (4.32 - .12)}{1.364} = 31,267 \text{ cfs}$$

TRY RATIONAL METHOD :

Not applicable in this situation because a storm must be of length longer than the T<sub>C</sub>, which according to "Design of Small Dams" will not occur.

USE. 31,275 cfs





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III RUNOFF

B PMP FLOOD

AREA 2 - EMIGRANT CANYON

Rainfall Retention Assumptions: Mountains: 0.1"  
Flats: 0.25"

Total Retained: 10% Flats x .25 + 90% Mount. x .1 = .115 in.

$T_c = 1.63 \text{ HRS}$        $A = 19.81 \text{ MI}^2$

TRY DURATION = 30 MIN.

$$T_P = .5/2 + .6(1.63) = 1.228$$

$$Q_P = \frac{434(19.81)(3.11 - .115)}{1.228} = 23,385 \text{ cfs}$$

TRY DURATION = 45 MIN.

$$T_P = .75/2 + .6(1.63) = 1.353$$

$$Q_P = \frac{434(19.81)(3.35 - .115)}{1.353} = 26,468 \text{ cfs}$$

TRY DURATION = 1 HR

$$T_P = 1/2 + .6(1.63) = 1.478$$

$$Q_P = \frac{434(19.81)(4.38 - .115)}{1.478} = 27,668 \text{ cfs}$$

RATIONAL METHOD NOT APPLICABLE HERE

USE 27,670 cfs



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III RUNOFF

B PMP FLOOD

AREAS 1 & 2 : TOWNE PASS AND EMIGRANT CANYON

Rainfall retention assumptions : Mountains : 0.1"  
Flats : 0.25"

Total Retained = Ave. of 1 & 2 = 0.12"

$T_c = 1.91$  HRS.  $A = 40.79$  MI.<sup>2</sup>

TRY DURATION = 45 MIN.

$$T_p = .75/2 + 0.6(1.91) = 1.521$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(40.79)(3.33 - 0.12)}{1.521} = 41,665 \text{ cfs}$$

TRY DURATION = 1 HR.

$$T_p = 1/2 + 0.6(1.91) = 1.646$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(40.79)(3.78 - 0.12)}{1.646} = 43,899 \text{ cfs}$$

RATIONAL METHOD NOT APPLICABLE HERE —

USE 43,900 CFS



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III RUNOFF

3 DMP FLOOD

AREAS 2 & 3: EMIGRANT CANYON AND HARRISBURG FLATS

Soil retention assumptions: Mountains: 3.1"  
Flats: 0.25'

Total Retained = 25% flats  $\times$  0.25' - 75% mts  $\times$  3.1' = .14'

$T_c = 2.44$  HRS.  $A = 49.63$  MI.<sup>2</sup>

TRY DURATION = 45 MIN.

$$T_p = \frac{3}{4} - .6(2.44) = 1.839$$

$$Q_p = \frac{434(49.63)(3.17 - .14)}{1.839} = 39,578 \text{ cfs}$$

TRY DURATION = 1 HR.

$$T_p = 1.2 - .6(2.44) = 1.964$$

$$Q_p = \frac{434(49.63)(3.60 - .14)}{1.964} = 42,318 \text{ cfs}$$

RATIONAL METHOD NOT APPLICABLE HERE

USE 42,325 CFS





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III RUNOFF

B PMP FLOOD

AREAS 1, 2, 13 - TOWNE PASS, EMIGRANT CANYON & HARRISBURG FLATS

Rainfall Retention Assumptions: Mountains - 0.1"  
Flats - 0.25"

Total Rainfall Retained = 22% Flats  $\times 0.25$ " + 78% Mtns  $\times 0.1$ " = 0.13"

$T_C = 2.60$  HRS.  $A = 70.61$  MI.<sup>2</sup>

TRY DURATION = 45 MIN.

$$T_P = .75/2 + 0.6(2.60) = 1.935$$

$$Q_P = \frac{484(70.61)(2.80 - .14)}{1.935} = 46,980 \text{ cfs}$$

TRY DURATION = 1 HR.

$$T_P = 1/2 + 0.6(2.60) = 2.06$$

$$Q_P = \frac{484(70.61)(3.18 - .14)}{2.06} = 50,433 \text{ cfs}$$

LONGER DURATIONS AND THE RATIONAL METHOD  
ARE NOT APPLICABLE.

USE 50,500 cfs



MESQUITE  
CAMPGROUND



## BASELINE FLOODPLAIN ANALYSIS

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### REPORT ON AREAS:

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FC-2A	NPS Maintenance
FC-2B	School Wash
FC-2C	Cow Creek Drainage

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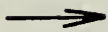
FC-3	NPS Headquarters and Ranch
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#### STOVEPIPE WELLS

SP-1	Mosaic Canyon
SP-2	Stovepipe Wells Development

#### EMIGRANT

Emigrant Canyon
Emigrant Ranger Station



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#### SCOTTY'S CASTLE

SC-1	Tie Canyon
SC-2	Castle Area
SC-2	Water Supply
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## MESQUITE CAMPGROUND

### GENERAL BACKGROUND

An introduction to the general flood problems of Death Valley, geographic setting, general discussion of precipitation, and the equations used to determine flood flows for different probabilities of frequency are included in a study titled Potential Hazards from Flood Flows and Debris Movement in the Furnace Creek Area, by John R. Crippen, USGS, 1979.

An additional study entitled "Potential Hazards from Flood Flows in Grapevine Canyon, Death Valley National Monument, California and Nevada" by James C. Bowers, USGS, was completed in 1983. This latter study examines the geographic setting of Grapevine and Tie Canyons, the precipitation of the area, flood hydrology, cross-sections with flood extents in Grapevine Canyon, and the potential hazards for Grapevine Canyon and Scotty's Castle area. Grapevine Canyon drainage area is a portion of the drainage area for the Mesquite Campground.

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this study is to determine (1) the precipitation and runoff for the drainage area above Mesquite Campground by methods based on gauged rainfall of record and basin characteristics; (2) the extent of flooding at a selected critical section; and (3) some possible methods of flood mitigation.

### STUDY AREA

The area of concern for this report includes a large, 505 square mile drainage area as shown on the USGS topography map on page 3. The area forms the drainage basin and collects the runoff which passes through the Mesquite Springs Campground in Death Valley Wash.

Table 1 on page 4 gives the drainage area characteristics for the Mesquite Campground drainage basin for the entire basin and for a 100 square mile portion of the basin which is the maximum area that can be used in computing the runoff for a probable maximum precipitation (PMP) storm.

### METHODOLOGY

Precipitation for the 100-year storm was determined using the procedures and isopluvials in NOAA ATLAS 2, Volume XI, prepared by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Precipitation for the probable maximum storm and the maximum general-type storm was determined using the procedures and isohyets as prescribed in DESIGN OF SMALL DAMS, Second Edition, Bureau of Reclamation.



Runoff was determined by the procedures described in DESIGN OF SMALL DAMS, and USGS Topographic Maps: Magruder Mountain, Last Chance, Dry Mountain, Tin Mountain, Ubehebe Crater, and Bonnie Claire SW, California; and Gold Point and Gold Point SW, Nevada.

Precipitation and runoff for the areas are summarized in Table 2 on page 5.

Flood extents at critical section were determined using Manning's Formula with an "n" value of 0.045 and a cross-section of the drainage taken on-site. The following plan showing the location of the section was taken from USGS topography map, Tin Mountain, California.

### RESULTS

One section was taken in the field in the approximate location shown on a portion of Tin Mountain Quadrangle, USGS Topography Map, on page 6. The section is shown on page 7 with the flow depths for the 2-year, 10-year, 25-year, 50-year, 100-year, probable maximum, and maximum general-type storms.

The two-year storm will be about 6½ feet deep in Death Valley Wash; and the 10-year storm runoff will be about 9½ feet deep and will almost fill the wash. For storms of greater runoff than the 10-year frequency, a vertical wall was assumed which would contain the flow. The 25-year storm requires a wall 1½ feet high; the 50-year storm, 2 feet; the 100-year storm, 3 feet; the probable maximum thunderstorm, 5 feet; and the probable maximum general-type storm, 8 feet.

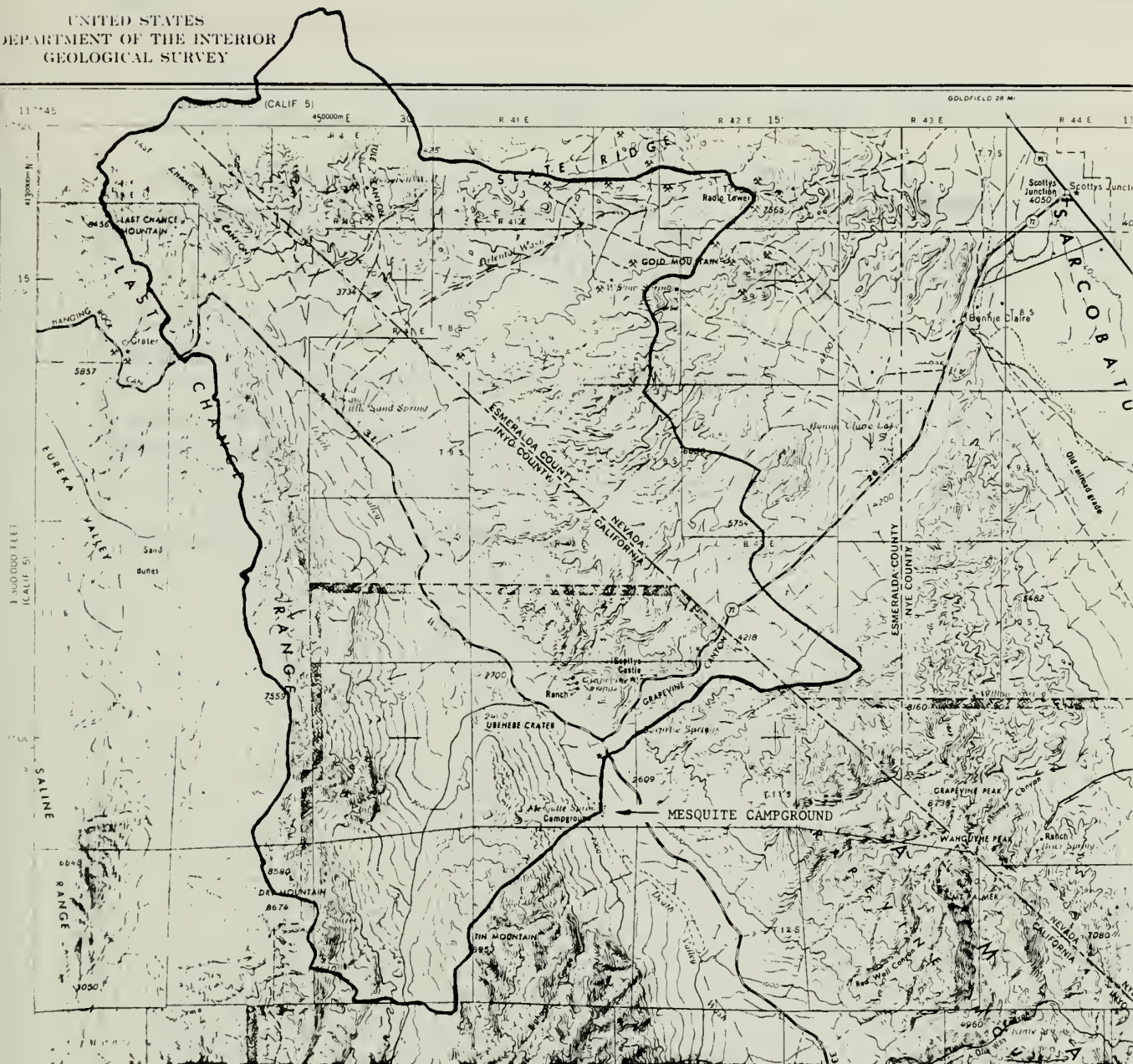
### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER STUDY AND FLOOD MITIGATION

During seasons of highest flood possibility, overnight camping could be barred from near the wash. A warning system should be installed to be implemented during potentially hazardous thunderstorms to prevent hiking or other activities within wash area proper.



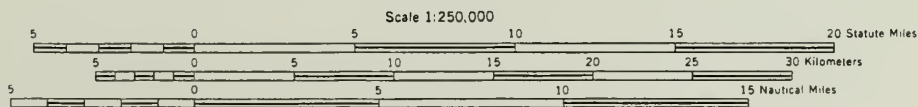


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MESQUITE SPRINGS CAMPGROUND DRAINAGE AREA

DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL MONUMENT



CONTOUR INTERVAL 200 FEET  
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TRANSVERSE MERCATOR PROJECTION  
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL





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### TABLE I - DRAINAGE AREA CHARACTERISTICS

AREA NAME	AREA (SQ. MI.)	LENGTH MILES	TIME OF CONCEN. (HOURS)	ELEV. MAX. FEET	ELEV. MIN. FEET	AVE. CHAN- NEL SLOPE FEET/FT.
MESQUITE SPGS. GENERAL STORM	505.2	40.4	6.8	9046	1760	.025
MESQUITE SPGS. *PMP STORM	100	20.4	3.5	8953	1760	.036

\* Probable Maximum Precipitation



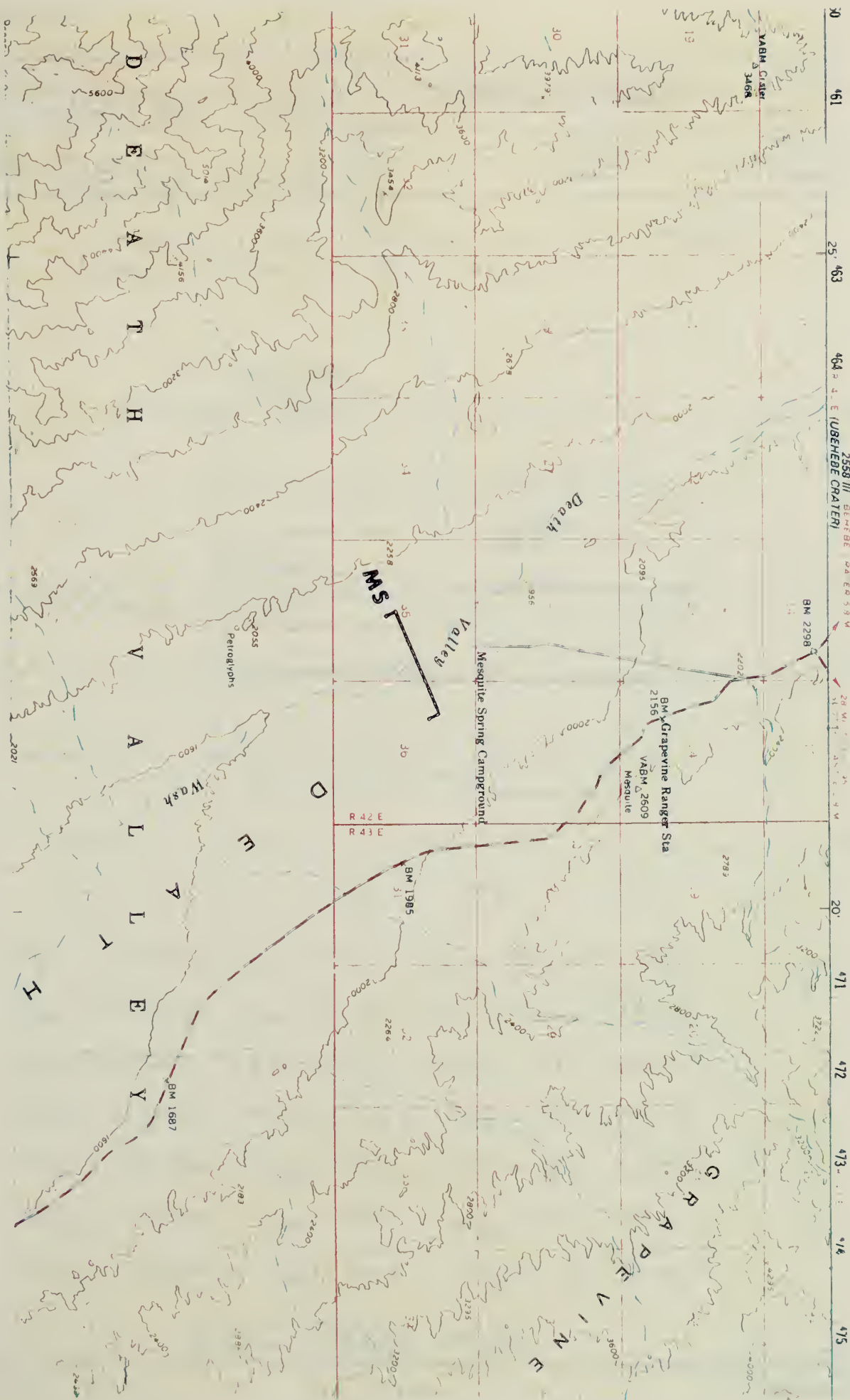
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TABLE II - PRECIPITATION AND RUNOFF

RAINFALL DURATION (-25.)	2 yr.	10 yr.	25 yr.	50 yr.	100 yr.	PROB. MAX. PRECIP.	GENERAL TYPE MAXIMUM STORM
1/2	.22"	.29"	.40"	.45"	.50"	—	—
1	.32"	.41"	.57"	.65"	.73"	2.85"	—
1 1/2	—	—	—	—	—	3.33"	—
2	.44"	.58"	.79"	.87"	.95"	3.59"	—
2 1/2	—	—	—	—	—	3.75"	—
3	.51"	.73"	.82"	.98"	1.04"	3.82"	—
4	.58"	.82"	.99"	1.10"	1.21"	—	—
5	.63"	.84"	1.06"	1.18"	1.33"	—	—
6	.66"	.97"	1.15"	1.24"	1.39"	—	2.09"
8	.74"	1.09"	1.34"	1.44"	1.58"	—	2.47"
10	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.84"
12	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.20"
14	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.47"
16	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.70"
18	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.91"
20	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.08"
22	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.24"
24	1.02"	1.61"	2.05"	2.17"	2.5"	—	4.39"
RUNOFF (CFS)	13,300	24,000	31,500	32,800	38,300	51,500	70,300



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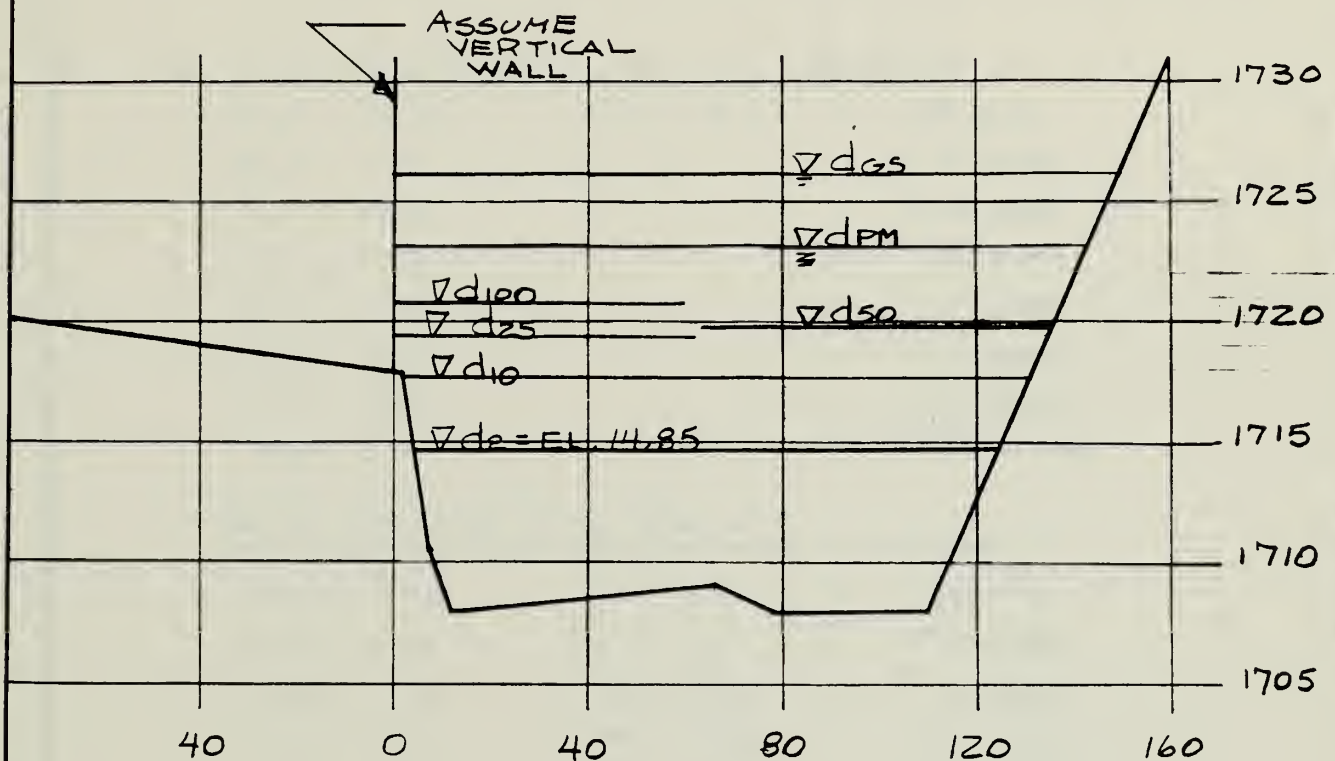
MESQUITE SPRINGS CAMPGROUND





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SECTION WAS TAKEN IN THE FIELD.  
BASE ELEV. IS ASSUMED



$$Q_2 = 13,300 ; V_2 = 17.5 ; d_2 = \text{EL. } 1714.85$$

$$Q_{10} = 24,000 ; V_{10} = 21.0 ; d_{10} = \text{EL. } 1717.75$$

$$Q_{25} = 31,500 ; V_{25} = 23.5 ; d_{25} = \text{EL. } 1719.45$$

$$Q_{50} = 32,800 ; V_{50} = 23.8 ; d_{50} = \text{EL. } 1719.8$$

$$Q_{100} = 38,300 ; V_{100} = 25.0 ; d_{100} = \text{EL. } 1720.8$$

$$Q_{PM} = 51,500 ; V_{PM} = 27.4 ; d_{PM} = \text{EL. } 1723.2$$

$$Q_{GS} = 70,300 ; V_{GS} = 30.4 ; d_{GS} = \text{EL. } 1726.2$$

SECTION MS



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## II PRECIPITATION

### A FIND PRECIPITATION FOR 50 YR. FREQUENCY

$$24-7 = 100 \text{ yr. } 20 \text{ ft} = 1.25 = 1.25$$

$$24-7 = 100 \text{ yr. } 20 \text{ ft} = 1.25 = 1.25$$

$$Y_{50} = 20 \left( \frac{1}{1.25} \right)^{1.5} = 1.000 + .78 \left[ \left( \frac{20}{1.25} \right)^{1.5} \right] = 1.12 \text{ INCHES/HR}$$

### FIND AMOUNTS FOR VARIOUS DURATIONS

100 yr., 30 min.	(1.12)	= .88 INCHES
100 yr., 1 hr.		= 1.12 INCHES
100 yr., 2 HR.		= 1.26 INCHES
100 yr., 3 HR.		= 1.33 INCHES
100 yr., 4 HR.		= 1.51 INCHES
100 yr., 5 HR.		= 1.62 INCHES
100 yr., 6 HR.		= 1.67 INCHES
100 yr., 8 HR.		= 1.88 INCHES

### REDUCE FOR AREA SIZE '500 AC',

100 yr., 30 min.	(.57) (.33)	= .50 INCHES
100 yr., 1 hr.	(.65) (.12)	= .73 INCHES
100 yr., 2 HR.	(.75) (.26)	= .95 INCHES
100 yr., 3 HR.	(.78) (.33)	= 1.04 INCHES
100 yr., 4 HR.	(.82) (.51)	= 1.21 INCHES
100 yr., 5 HR.	(.82) (.62)	= 1.33 INCHES
100 yr., 6 HR.	(.82) (.67)	= 1.39 INCHES
100 yr., 8 HR.	(.82) (.85)	= 1.50 INCHES
100 yr., 8 HR.	(.84) (.88)	= 1.58 INCHES (FROM FIGURES 16 & 4.)

INFORMATION FROM NOAA ATLAS 2 VOLUME II FOR  
FL 500 AC



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## II PRECIPITATION

### B FIND PRECIPITATION FOR 2 YR. FREQUENCY

$$1-2 \text{ 2 yr. Point} = .80" = X_1$$

$$24-2, \text{ 2 yr. Point} = 1.12" = X_2$$

$$Y_2 = .005 + .952 [X_1 \cdot X_1 / X_2] = .005 + .952 [.80 \cdot .80 / 1.12] = .49" / \text{yr.}$$

### FIND AMOUNTS FOR VARIOUS DURATIONS

2 yr., 30 min.	(.77) (.40)	= .39 INCHES
2 yr., 1 hr.		= .42 INCHES
2 yr., 2 hr.		= .53 INCHES
2 yr., 3 hr.		= .66 INCHES
2 yr., 4 hr.		= .72 INCHES
2 yr., 5 hr.		= .77 INCHES
2 yr., 6 hr.		= .88 INCHES

### REDUCE FOR AREA SIZE

2 yr., 30 min.	(.52) (.23)	= .22 INCHES
2 yr., 1 hr.	(.65) (.49)	= .32 INCHES
2 yr., 2 hr.	(.75) (.73)	= .44 INCHES
2 yr., 3 hr.	(.78) (.60)	= .51 INCHES
2 yr., 4 hr.	(.80) (.72)	= .58 INCHES
2 yr., 5 hr.	(.82) (.72)	= .63 INCHES
2 yr., 6 hr.	(.85) (.80)	= .66 INCHES
2 yr., 24 hr.	(.91) (1.12)	= 1.02 INCHES
2 yr. 8	(.84) (.55)	= .74 INCHES.

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## II PRECIPITATION

### D FIND PRECIPITATION FOR 25 YR FREQUENCY

$$64R, 25 YR. POINT = 1.25$$

$$24 - R, 25 YR. POINT = 2.25$$

$$I_{25} = .38 \text{ INCHES/4R.}$$

### FIND AMOUNTS FOR VARIOUS DURATIONS

25 YR., 30 MIN.	(.70) (.35)	= .70 INCHES
25 YR., 1R.		= .88 INCHES
25 YR., 2HR.		= 1.05 INCHES
25 YR., 3HR.		= 1.13 INCHES
25 YR., 4HR.		= 1.24 INCHES
25 YR., 5HR.		= 1.29 INCHES
25 YR., 6HR.		= 1.38 INCHES
25 YR., 8HR.		= 1.60 INCHES

### REDUCE FOR AREA SIZE

25 YR., 30 MIN.	(.57) (.70)	= .40 INCHES
25 YR., 1HR.	.65 (.88)	= .54 INCHES
25 YR., 2HR.	.75 (1.05)	= .70 INCHES
25 YR., 3HR.	.75 (.83)	= .62 INCHES
25 YR., 4HR.	.80 (1.24)	= .79 INCHES
25 YR., 5HR.	.82 (1.29)	= .86 INCHES
25 YR., 6HR.	.83 (1.38)	= 1.15 INCHES
25 YR., 24 HR.	.83 (2.25)	= 2.05 INCHES
25 YR., 8 HR.	(.84) (1.60)	= 1.34 INCHES

INFORMATION FROM N.S. 4.4 TABLE 2 VOLUME XI FOR CALIFORNIA.



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## II PRECIPITATION

### E FIND PRECIPITATION FOR 50YR. FREQUENCY

$$5 \text{ HR.}, 50 \text{ YR. POINT} = 1.42"$$

$$24 \text{ HR.}, 50 \text{ YR. POINT} = 2.33"$$

$$Y_{50} = 1.00" / \text{Hour.}$$

### FIND AMOUNTS FOR VARIOUS DURATIONS

$$50 \text{ YR.}, 30 \text{ MIN.} \quad (.77)(1.00) = .77 \text{ INCHES}$$

$$50 \text{ YR.}, 1 \text{ HR.} = 1.00 \text{ INCHES}$$

$$50 \text{ YR.}, 2 \text{ HR.} = 1.16 \text{ INCHES}$$

$$50 \text{ YR.}, 3 \text{ HR.} = 1.25 \text{ INCHES}$$

$$50 \text{ YR.}, 4 \text{ HR.} = 1.37 \text{ INCHES}$$

$$50 \text{ YR.}, 5 \text{ HR.} = 1.44 \text{ INCHES}$$

$$50 \text{ YR.}, 6 \text{ HR.} = 1.49 \text{ INCHES}$$

$$50 \text{ YR.}, 8 \text{ HR.} = 1.72 \text{ INCHES}$$

### SEEK FOR AREA SIZE

$$50 \text{ YR.}, 30 \text{ MIN.} \quad (.57)(1.77) = .45 \text{ INCHES}$$

$$50 \text{ YR.}, 1 \text{ HR.} \quad .65(1.00) = .65 \text{ INCHES}$$

$$50 \text{ YR.}, 2 \text{ HR.} \quad (.85)(1.16) = .87 \text{ INCHES}$$

$$50 \text{ YR.}, 3 \text{ HR.} \quad (.81)(1.25) = .93 \text{ INCHES}$$

$$50 \text{ YR.}, 4 \text{ HR.} \quad (.81)(1.37) = 1.10 \text{ INCHES}$$

$$50 \text{ YR.}, 5 \text{ HR.} \quad (.82)(1.44) = 1.18 \text{ INCHES}$$

$$50 \text{ YR.}, 6 \text{ HR.} \quad (.85)(1.49) = 1.24 \text{ INCHES}$$

$$50 \text{ YR.}, 24 \text{ HR.} \quad (.77)(2.33) = 2.17 \text{ INCHES}$$

$$50 \text{ YR.}, 5 \text{ - 8.} \quad (.57)(1.72) = 1.04 \text{ INCHES}$$

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## II PRECIPITATION

### F GENERAL TYPE MAXIMUM STORM FOR 500 mi<sup>2</sup>

6 HR POINT = 3 INCHES.

REDUCE FOR AREA:  $(.605 \text{ of } 3") = 2.09$

#### RAINFALL FOR VARIOUS DURATIONS

6 HR.	2.09"
8 HR	$(1.13)(2.09) = 2.41"$
10 HR	$(1.26)(2.09) = 2.84"$
12 HR	$(1.53)(2.09) = 3.20"$
14 HR.	$(1.66)(2.09) = 3.47"$
16 HR.	$(1.77)(2.09) = 3.70"$
18 HR.	$(1.87)(2.09) = 3.91"$
20 HR.	$(1.95)(2.09) = 4.08"$
22 HR.	$(2.02)(2.09) = 4.24"$
24 HR.	$(2.10)(2.09) = 4.39"$

### G PROBABLE MAXIMUM PRECIPITATION (100 sq. mi.)

1 HOUR POINT = 0

REDUCE FOR AREA:  $6"(.475 \text{ @ } 100 \text{ sq. mi.}) = 2.85"$

#### RAINFALL FOR VARIOUS DURATIONS

1 HR	2.85
1 1/2 HR.	$(1.17)(2.85) = 3.35$
2 HR.	$(1.26)(2.85) = 3.59$
2 1/2 HR.	$(1.315)(2.85) = 3.75$
3 HR.	$(1.34)(2.85) = 3.82$



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### III RUNOFF

#### A 100 YEAR FLOOD

$$T_p = \frac{D}{2} + .6 T_c$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484 (A) Q_T}{T_p}$$

$T_p$  = time to peak, hrs.

$T_c$  = time of conc., hrs.

$Q_T$  = Total rainfall for  $D$ , inch.

$Q_p$  = Peak flow, cfs

Assume: Mountains are 50% of area @ .1" rainfall retention. Valleys are 50% of area & retain 0.5 inches of rainfall.

Try Duration = 5 hrs.

$$T_p = \frac{5}{2} + .6(6.8) = 6.58 \text{ hrs}$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484 (505.16) [1.33 - (50\% \text{ of } .1 + 50\% \text{ of } .5)]}{6.58}$$

$$Q_p = 38,300 \text{ cfs}$$

Try Duration = 6 hrs

$$T_p = \frac{6}{2} + 4.08 = 7.08$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484 (505.16) (1.39 - .30)}{7.08} = 37,600$$

Try Rational Method for 6 hrs.

Say 50% runs off at  $T_c$

$$.5 \left( \frac{1.39}{6} \right) 640 (505.16) = 37,450 \text{ cfs}$$

WAANANEN AND CRIPPEN (USGS)

$$Q_{100} = 1080 A^{.71} = 89,700 \text{ cfs}$$

USE 38,300



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III RUNOFF

B 2 YEAR FLOOD

$$T_p = \frac{D}{2} + .6 T_c$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484 (A) Q_T}{T_p}$$

Assume: Mountains retain .1 on 50% of area.  
Valleys retain 0.50 on 50% of area.  
Rain fall absorbed = 0.30 inches

Try Duration = 5 hrs.

$$T_p = 5/2 + .6(6.8) = 6.58$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(505.2)(.63 - .30)}{6.58} = 12,300 \text{ cfs}$$

Try Duration = 6 hrs

$$T_p = 6/2 + 4.08 = 7.08$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(505.2)(.66 - .3)}{7.08} = 12,430 \text{ cfs}$$

Try Duration = 8 hrs.

$$T_p = 8/2 + 4.08 = 8.08$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(505.2)(.74 - .3)}{8.08} = 13,300 \text{ cfs}$$

Rational Method for 8 hrs.

Assume 50% runs off

$$Q_p = .5 \left( \frac{74}{8} \right) 640(505.16) = 14,950 \text{ cfs}$$

USE 13,300 cfs





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RUNOFF

C 10 YEAR FLOOD

Assume: 0.30" rainfall retained

Try Duration = 5 hrs.

$$T_p = 5/2 + 4.08 = 6.58$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(505.2)(.89-.3)}{6.58} = 21,924$$

Try Duration = 6 hrs.

$$T_p = 6/2 + 4.08 = 7.08$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(505.2)(.97-.3)}{7.08} = 23,140$$

Try Duration = 8 hrs

$$T_p = 8/4 + 4.08 = 8.08$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484(505.2)(1.09-.3)}{8.08} = 23,900$$

Rational Method for 8 hrs.

Assume 50% runs off

$$Q_p = .5 \left( \frac{1.09}{8.08} \right) 640(505.2) = 21,808$$

USE = 24,000 cfs



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III RUNOFF

1 25% FLOOD

$$T_p = \frac{L}{48} + .6 T_c$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484 A L^{.75}}{T_p}$$

0.3" RETAINED BY MOUNTAINS

$$T_c = 6.9 + .25 \quad A = 505.16 \text{ mi}^2$$

TRV DURATION = 1 HRS.

$$T_p = \frac{1}{48} + .6(6.9) = 4.28$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484 (505.16)^{.75} (1.44 - .3)}{4.28} = 27,800 \text{ cfs}$$

TRV DURATION = 5 HRS.

$$T_p = \frac{5}{48} + .6(6.9) = 4.55$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484 (505.16)^{.75} (1.05 - .3)}{4.55} = 28,200 \text{ cfs}$$

TRV DURATION = 6 HRS.

$$T_p = \frac{6}{48} + .6(6.9) = 7.08$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484 (505.16)^{.75} (1.15 - .3)}{7.08} = 29,300 \text{ cfs}$$

TRV DURATION = 8 HRS.

$$T_p = \frac{8}{48} + .6(6.9) = 8.08$$

$$Q_p = \frac{484 (505.16)^{.75} (1.34 - .3)}{8.08} = 31,470$$

RATIONAL METHOD AT 6 HRS.

Assume 50% runs off

$$Q_p = .5 \left( \frac{1.15}{6} \right) 505.2(640) = 31,000$$

USE 31,500 CFS



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IIRUNOFFE 50 % FLOOD

$$T_P = \frac{D}{2} + (.6) T_C$$

$$Q_P = \frac{484 A (.85)}{T_P}$$

.3" RETAINED BY MOUNTAIN:

$$T_C = 6.8 \text{ HRS. } A = 555 \text{ mi}^2$$

TRY DURATION = 4 HRS.

$$T_P = \frac{4}{2} + (.6) 6.8 = 6.08$$

$$Q_P = \frac{484 (555.16) (1.10 - .3)}{6.08} = 32,200 \text{ cfs}$$

TRY DURATION = 5 HRS.

$$T_P = \frac{5}{2} + (.6) 6.8 = 6.58$$

$$Q_P = \frac{484 (555.16) (1.13 - .3)}{6.58} = 32,700 \text{ cfs}$$

TRY DURATION = 6 HRS.

$$T_P = \frac{6}{2} + (.6) 6.8 = 7.08$$

$$Q_P = \frac{484 (555.16) (1.24 - .3)}{7.08} = 32,500 \text{ cfs}$$

RATIONAL METHOD (6-PS.)

$$Q_P = (1.5) \left( \frac{1.24}{6} \right) (640) (555.16) = 33,400 \text{ cfs}$$

USE 32,800 cfs





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### III RUNOFF

F GENERAL TYPE MAXIMUM STORM (500 mi<sup>2</sup>) FLOOD

$$T_D = \frac{L}{V} + 0.1 TC$$

$$Q_D = \frac{484 (A) Q_T}{T_D}$$

3 R-10 RETARDER, 20 MOUNTAINS & VALLEYS

TRV DURATION = 8 HRS.

$$T_D = \frac{L}{V} + 0.1 TC = 8.08$$

$$Q_D = \frac{484 (505.16) (2.47 - .3)}{8.08} = 65,600 \text{ cfs.}$$

TRV DURATION = 10 HRS.

$$T_D = \frac{L}{V} + 0.1 TC = 9.08$$

$$Q_D = \frac{484 (505.16) (2.84 - .3)}{9.08} = 58,400 \text{ cfs.}$$

TRV DURATION = 12 HRS.

$$T_D = \frac{L}{V} + 0.1 TC = 10.08$$

$$Q_D = \frac{484 (505.16) (3.2 - .3)}{10.08} = 70,300 \text{ cfs.}$$

TRV DURATION = 14 HRS.

$$T_D = \frac{L}{V} + 0.1 TC = 11.08$$

$$Q_D = \frac{484 (505.16) (2.47 - .3)}{11.08} = 70,000 \text{ cfs.}$$

WAHNNIEN & CRIPPER

$$Q_{max} = 12,100 (A^{.6}) / (A^{.5} + 5) = 11,340$$

$$= 12,100 (505.16)^{.6} / (505.16^{.5} + 5) = 403,200 \text{ cfs.}$$

RATIONAL METHOD (6 HRS.)  $Q_D = 0.5 (2.09) (505.16) = 56,300 \text{ cfs.}$

MATTHEW  $Q = 11,000 A^{.6} = 11,000 (505.16)^{.6} = 490,325 \text{ cfs.}$

USE 70,300 cfs



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G PROBABLE MAXIMUM PRECIPITATION (100 mi<sup>2</sup>)

$$TP = \frac{P}{2} + .5 TC$$

$$DP = \frac{434 A / DT}{TP}$$

.3" RETAINED BY MOUNTAINS AND VALLEYS

$$TC = 3.5 \text{ HRS. } A = 100 \text{ mi}^2$$

TR1 DURATION = 1 HR.

$$TP = \frac{P}{2} + .5 / 3.5 = 2.6$$

$$DP = \frac{434 (100) (2.25 - .3)}{2.6} = 47,500 \text{ cfs.}$$

TR2 DURATION = 1/2 HR.

$$TP = \frac{P}{2} + .5 / 3.5 = 2.35$$

$$DP = \frac{434 (100) (2.35 - .3)}{2.35} = 51,500 \text{ cfs}$$

TR3 DURATION = 2 - 2.5

$$TP = \frac{P}{2} + .5 / 3.5 = 5.1$$

$$DP = \frac{434 (100) (3.52 - .3)}{5.1} = 51,400 \text{ cfs}$$

WADSWORTH & CRIPPEN

$$Q_{me} = 98,000 (100)^{1.022} (\sqrt{100} + 5)^{-1.341} = 292,266 \text{ cfs.}$$

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$$Q = 1,000 (100)^{.6} = 132,555 \text{ cfs.}$$

RATIONAL METHOD (2-40)

$$Q = (0.7) \frac{3.32}{.3} (1640) (100) = 57,000 \text{ cfs.}$$

USE 51,500 cfs.



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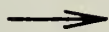
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## GRAPEVINE CANYON -- SCOTTY'S CASTLE

### GENERAL BACKGROUND

An introduction to the general flood problems of Death Valley, geographic setting, general discussion of precipitation, and the equations used to determine flood flows for different probabilities of frequency are included in a study titled Potential Hazards from Flood Flows and Debris Movement in the Furnace Creek Area, by John R. Crippen, USGS, 1979.

An additional study entitled "Potential Hazards from Flood Flows in Grapevine Canyon, Death Valley National Monument, California and Nevada" by James C. Bowers, USGS, was completed in 1983. This latter study examines the geographic setting of Grapevine and Tie Canyons, the precipitation of the area, flood hydrology, cross sections with flood extents in Grapevine Canyon and in the immediate vicinity of Scotty's Castle, and the potential hazards for Grapevine Canyon and Scotty's Castle area.

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this study is to determine (1) the precipitation and separate and combined runoff for SC-1, SC-2, and SC-3 by methods based on gauged rain-fall of record and basin characteristics; (2) the extent of flooding at selected critical sections; and (3) the locations which require some method of flood mitigation.

### STUDY AREAS

The areas of concern for this report include three drainage basins shown on the USGS map on page 5 as SC-1, Tie Canyon; SC-2, Grapevine Canyon area; and SC-3, lower Grapevine Canyon. Table 1 on page 6 gives the drainage area characteristics for SC-1, SC-2, and SC-3. Scotty's Castle is located at the mouth of drainage area SC-2. Flood amounts for SC-2 will also be used for the water intake area for Scotty's Castle which is located about one mile above Scotty's Castle. Topography maps indicate that the Grapevine Ranger Station is located outside of the floodplain about one mile below the mouth of Grapevine Canyon (SC-3).

### METHODOLOGY

Precipitation for the 100-year storm was determined using the procedures and isopluvials in NOAA ATLAS 2, Volume XI, prepared by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Precipitation for the probable maximum thunderstorm was determined using the procedures and isohyets as prescribed in DESIGN OF SMALL DAMS, Second Edition, Bureau of Reclamation.

Runoff was determined by the procedures described in DESIGN OF SMALL DAMS, and USGS Topographic Map, Ubehebe Crater, California.

Precipitation and runoff for the areas are summarized in Table 2 on page 7.



Flood extents at critical sections were determined using Manning's Formula with an "n" value of 0.045 and cross-sections of the drainages. The following plans showing the locations of sections at Scotty's Castle were taken from half-size prints of Drawing Number 143-41022.

The topography map showing the locations of sections for the water intake area for Scotty's Castle was just completed in 1985.

## RESULTS

SC-1 Tie Canyon. Tie Canyon flows into Grapevine Canyon just downstream from Scotty's Castle. The 100-year flow from Tie Canyon as determined by this study is 4,100 cubic feet per second (cfs), which compares to the 3,900 cfs for the USGS study. The 100-year combined flow of SC-1 and SC-2 (Tie and Grapevine Canyons) for this study is 11,000 cfs compared to the 16,000 cfs for the USGS study. The probable maximum flood for SC-1 is 18,200 cfs and for SC-1 and SC-2 combined is 45,500 cfs. The USGS study estimated the maximum experience floods as 28,300 cfs for SC-1 and 122,000 for SC-1 and SC-2 combined. Tie Canyon contributes to the flooding of the lower Grapevine Canyon. Highway 72 through the lower Grapevine Canyon will be inundated in several locations by the 25-year or larger floods as shown in the cross-sections in the USGS study.

SC-2 Grapevine Canyon. The 100-year flow of 8,500 cfs compares to the 12,100 cfs flow as determined in the USGS study. The probable maximum flood flow is 36,400 cfs for this study; whereas, the maximum experience flow from the USGS study was 93,700 cfs. Flooding of Highway 72 will occur in several locations by smaller flows than the 25-year flood, especially in locations where the road covers nearly the entire canyon floor.

SC-2 Scotty's Castle. A 100-year flow of 8,500 cfs and a probable maximum flow of 36,400 cfs were used for the flood extent calculations at Scotty's Castle. Page 8 shows locations of cross-sections and the extent of the 100-year and probable maximum floods in the Scotty's Castle area.

Section 2B indicates that the highest elevation of the 100-year flow will be more than three feet below the floor of the stable, and the probable maximum flow (PMF) will be about 1/2-foot high on the face of the stable.

Section 2C indicates that the highest elevation of the 100-year flow will be about 1½ feet below the cafe and about 50 feet from the cafe. Much of the parking area will be inundated. A PMF flood would cover the parking area below the cafe and be about 2½ feet high on a protective wall around the cafe.

Section 2D gave results identical to Section 2C.

Section 2E indicates that the 100-year flow will cover about one-third of the parking area below the cafe and the highest elevation will come to 6 feet below the highway. The PMP flood will cover all of the parking area below the cafe and will be up to the level of Highway 72.





Without a protective wall around the cafe, the PMP flood will extend to the limits shown on page and will be about 2 feet deep around the cafe. The cafe would be destroyed by the 20-feet-per-second velocity of the flood.

The final results of this study and the results of the Bowers study are approximately the same.

SC-2 Water Intake Area. A 100-year flow of 8,500 cfs and a PMP flow of 36,400 cfs were also used to determine the flood extent for the water intake area about one mile above Scotty's Castle. The locations of sections and the 100-year and PMP flood extents are shown on page 13 which is a reduction of Drawing Number 143-41096.

Section 2A.1: At this point, the 100-year flood would be overflowing the existing protective dike by about 1/2 foot, and would flood the Spring Box Channel by over 2 feet. The PMP flood would overflow the dike by 6 feet.

Section 2A.2: The 100-year flood will overflow the existing dike by 1½ feet which would cover the spring box by 4 feet, destroying the water collection system. The PMP flood will overflow the existing dike by 6½ feet.

Section 2A.3: The 100-year flood will overflow the existing dike at this location by over 2 feet which will be 4 feet deep around the chlorinator house, which would destroy the house. The PMP flood will overflow the dike by over 8 feet.

Since the dikes will be breached by the 100-year flood, the collection system would be severely damaged by flows of from 2½ to 4 feet around and over the existing facilities.

SC-3 Lower Grapevine Canyon. The combined flows of areas SC-1, SC-2, and SC-3 are 11,500 cfs for the 100-year flood and 55,200 cfs for the PMP flood. The roadway will be covered by up to 4 feet of flood water during a 100-year runoff and by up to 12 feet during a PMP runoff at locations where the roadway is on or near the canyon floor.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER STUDY AND FLOOD MITIGATION

SC-1 Tie Canyon. Consideration should be given to the eventual redesign and relocation of Highway 72 through Grapevine Canyon. Until then, some warning devices during potentially hazardous storms should be used.

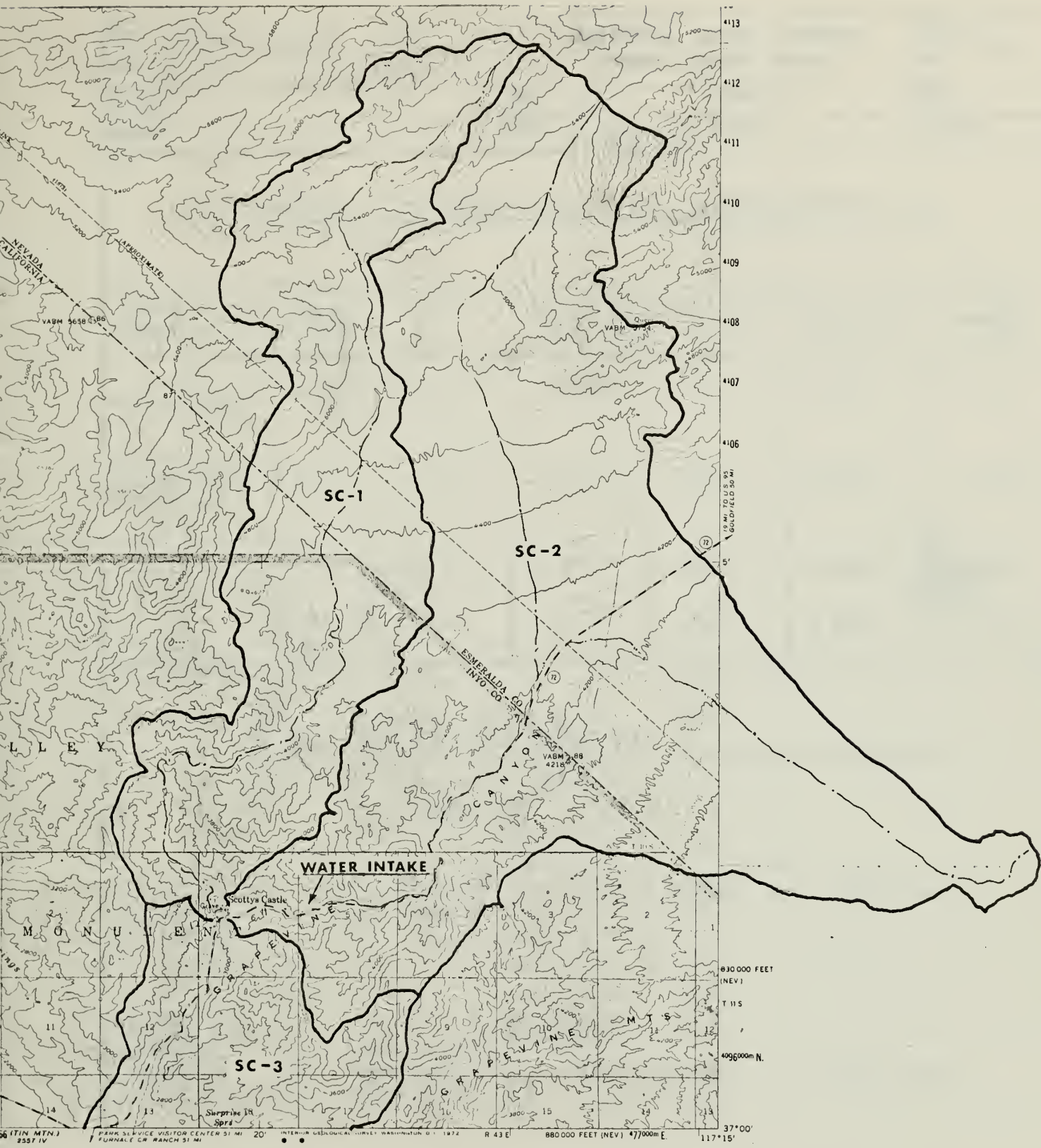
SC-2, SC-3 Grapevine Canyon. Highway 72 should be redesigned, especially in the hazardous portions of the Canyon. Warning devices should be used during potentially hazardous periods of rainfall.

SC-2 Scotty's Castle. A low, 4-foot wall to divert PMP flows around the cafe should be installed. To provide protection for 100-year flows, the parking lot should be shortened by 50 feet and raised 3½ feet; however, parking for 50 vehicles would be lost. The displaced parking could be relocated to the south side of the canyon, adjacent to Highway 72. Warning devices for potentially hazardous rainfall conditions should be installed.



SC-2 Scotty's Castle Water Intake Area. Structural protection should be provided for the expected life of the installation, which would be about 50 to 100 years for the water intake. The 100-year flow would require raising the dike about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  to 3 feet. The 50-year flows should be determined for this area as further study.





SCOTT'S CASTLE





Park	DEATH VALLEY N.M.		NATIONAL PARK SERVICE		Sheet	6
Area	SCOTT'S CASTLE AREAS (SC-1, SC-2, SC-3)		DENVER SERVICE CENTER		of	
Project	By	R.G.	Checked		Pkg.	
Feature	Date	5/29/84	Date		Account	

TABLE 1 - DRAINAGE AREA CHARACTERISTICS

AREA NAME	AREA (mi) <sup>2</sup>	LENGTH (mi)	TIME OF CONC. (Min)	ELEV. MAX. (FEET)	ELEV. MIN. (FEET)	AVE. CHANNEL SLOPE
SC-1 TIE CANYON	14.26	12.1	124.4	6130	2960	.0496
SC-2 GRAPEVINE CANYON	29.71	11.55	107.3	7008	2960	.0664
SC-1 + SC-2	43.97	12.1	124.4	6130	2960	.0496
SC-3 + SC-1 + SC-2	46.71	14.8	145.7	6130	2280	.0493

TIMES OF CONCENTRATION

$$T_c = \left( \frac{11.9 L^3}{\Delta E} \right)^{.385}$$

SC-1  
TIE CANYON :  $T_c = \left[ \frac{11.9 (12.1)^3}{6130 - 2960} \right]^{.385} = 2.07 \text{ HRS} = 124.4 \text{ min}$   
(ALSO SC-1 + SC-2)

SC-2  
GRAPEVINE :  $T_c = \left[ \frac{11.9 (11.55)^3}{7008 - 2960} \right]^{.385} = 1.79 \text{ HRS} = 107.3 \text{ min}$   
CANYON

SC-3 +  
SC-1 +  
SC-2 :  $T_c = \left[ \frac{11.9 (14.8)^3}{6130 - 2280} \right]^{.385} = 2.43 \text{ HRS} = 145.7 \text{ min}$



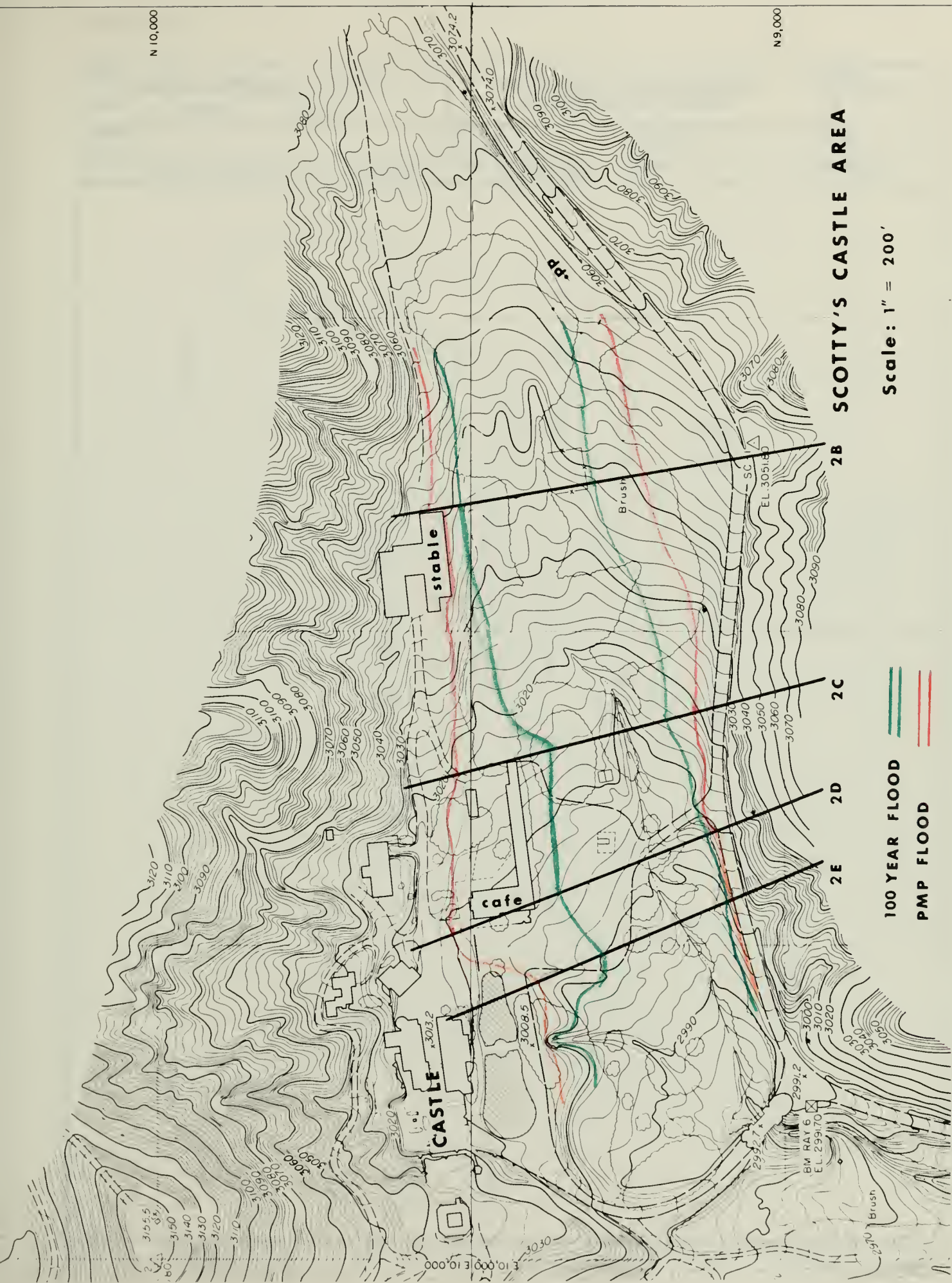
Park	DEATH VALLEY N.M.		NATIONAL PARK SERVICE DENVER SERVICE CENTER	Sheet	7
Area	SCOTT'S CASTLE			of	
Project		By	R. G.	Checked	
Feature		Date	5/30/84	Date	
				Pkg.	
				Account	

TABLE 2 - PRECIPITATION AND RUNOFF

	SC-1	SC-2	SC-1 + SC-2	SC-3 + SC-1 + SC-2
<u>100 YR. PRECIPITATION</u>				
5 MIN.	.35 in.	.35 in.	.35 in.	.35 in.
10 MIN.	.54 in.	.54 in.	.54 in.	.53 in.
15 MIN.	.68 in.	.68 in.	.68 in.	.68 in.
30 MIN.	.83 in.	.73 in.	.68 in.	.68 in.
1 HR.	1.12 in.	1.03 in.	1.00 in.	.98 in.
2 HRS.	1.25 in.	1.17 in.	1.14 in.	1.12 in.
3 HRS.	1.46 in.	1.40 in.	1.38 in.	1.37 in.
6 HRS.	1.67 in.	1.62 in.	1.60 in.	1.58 in.
<u>PROBABLE MAXIMUM</u>				
15 MIN.	2.19 in.	1.93 in.	1.79 in.	1.76 in.
30 MIN.	3.24 in.	2.85 in.	2.64 in.	2.60 in.
45 MIN.	4.01 in.	3.54 in.	3.27 in.	3.22 in.
1 HR.	4.56 in.	4.02 in.	3.72 in.	3.66 in.
1.5 HRS.	5.34 in.	4.70 in.	4.35 in.	4.28 in.
2 HRS.	5.75 in.	5.07 in.	4.69 in.	4.61 in.
3 HRS.	6.11 in.	5.34 in.	4.99 in.	4.90 in.
AREA (mi. <sup>2</sup> )	14.26	29.71	43.97	46.71
100-YR RUNOFF (cfs)	4100	8500	11,000	11,500
PROBABLE MAX. RUNOFF (cfs)	18,200	36,400	45,500	55,200







N 10,000

N 9,000

# SCOTTY'S CASTLE AREA

Scale: 1" = 200'

100 YEAR FLOOD  
PMP FLOOD

2B

2C

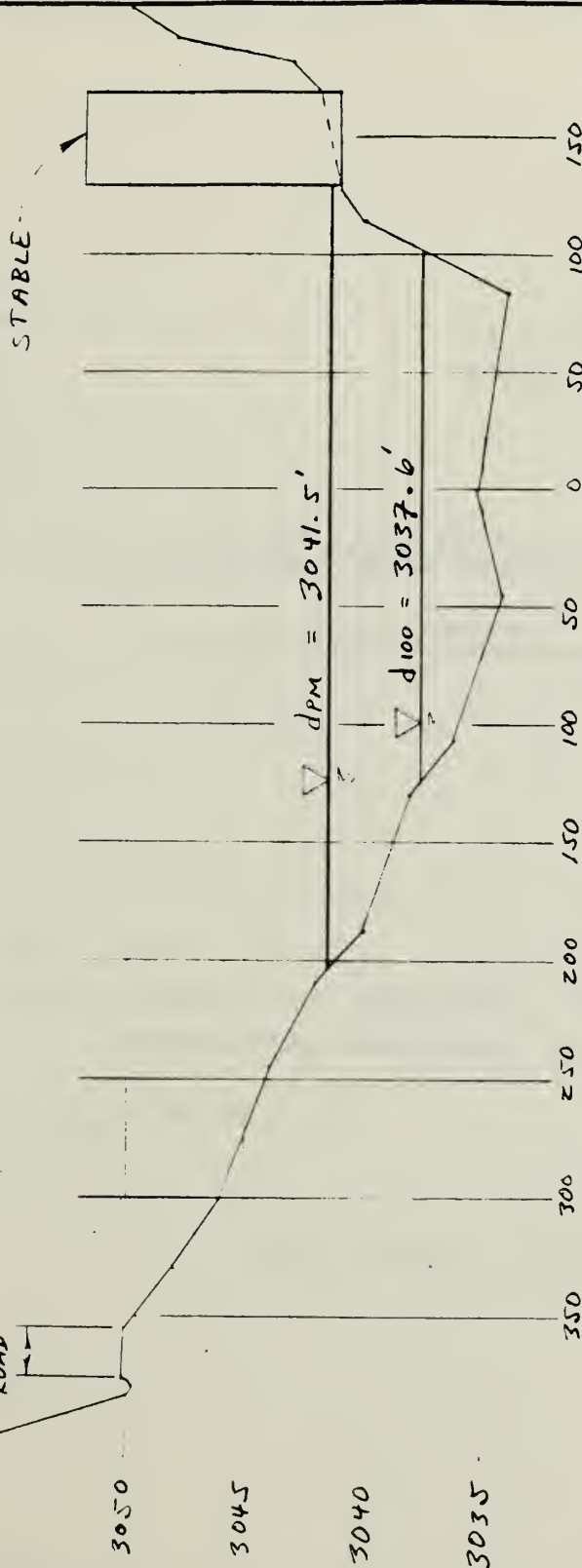
2D

2E





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Area <b>SCOTTY'S CASTLE</b>			of
Project	By <b>R. G.</b>	Checked	Pkg.
Feature <b>CROSS SECTION AT STABLE</b>	Date <b>6/29/84</b>	Date	Account



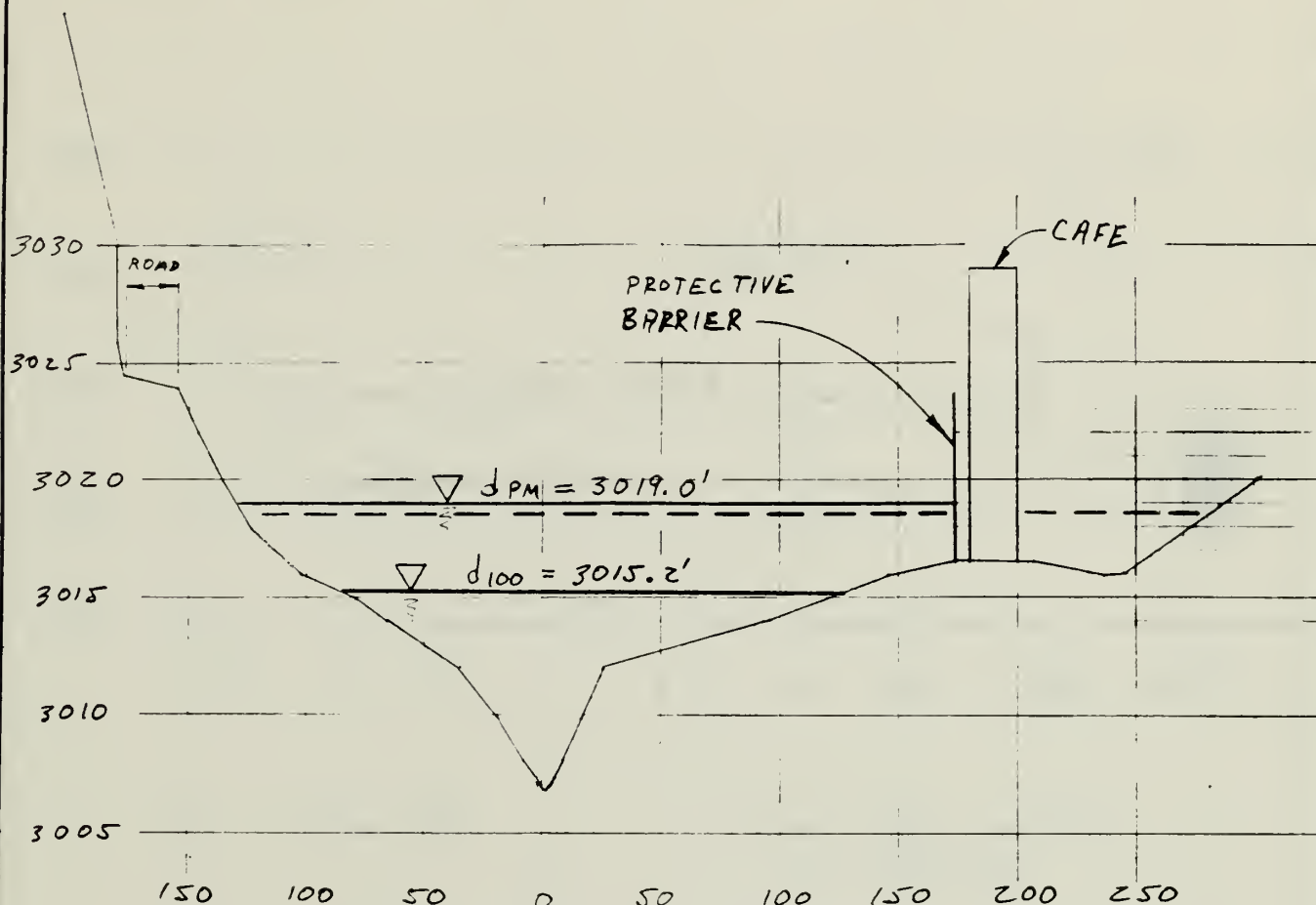
$$Q_{PM} = 36,400 \text{ cfs}$$

$$Q_{100} = 8500 \text{ cfs}$$

SECTION SC-2B



Park	DEATH VALLEY NP.		NATIONAL PARK SERVICE DENVER SERVICE CENTER	Sheet	10
Area	SCOTTY'S CASTLE			of	
Project		By	R. G.	Checked	
Feature	SCOTTY'S CAFE (UPPER)	Date	6/29/84	Date	
				Pkg.	
				Account	



NOTE: DASHED LINE INDICATES LOCATION OF "dpm" IF NO PROTECTIVE BARRIER IS IN PLACE.

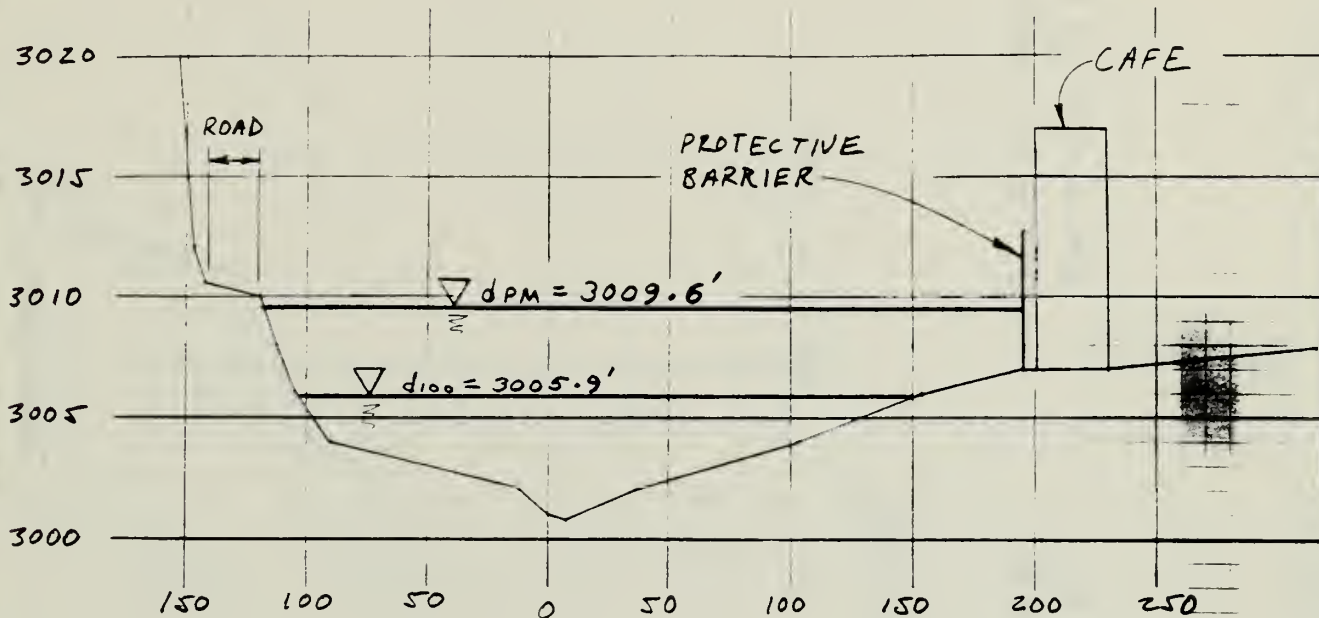
$$Q_{100} = 8500 \text{ cfs}$$

$$Q_{pm} = 36,400 \text{ cfs}$$

SECTION SC-2C



Park	DEATH VALLEY N.M.		NATIONAL PARK SERVICE DENVER SERVICE CENTER	Sheet	11
Area	SCOTTY'S CASTLE			of	
Project		By	R. G.	Checked	
Feature	SCOTTY'S CAFE (LOWER)	Date	6/29/84	Date	
				Pkg.	
				Account	



$$Q_{100} = 8500 \text{ cfs}$$

$$Q_{PM} = 36,400 \text{ cfs}$$

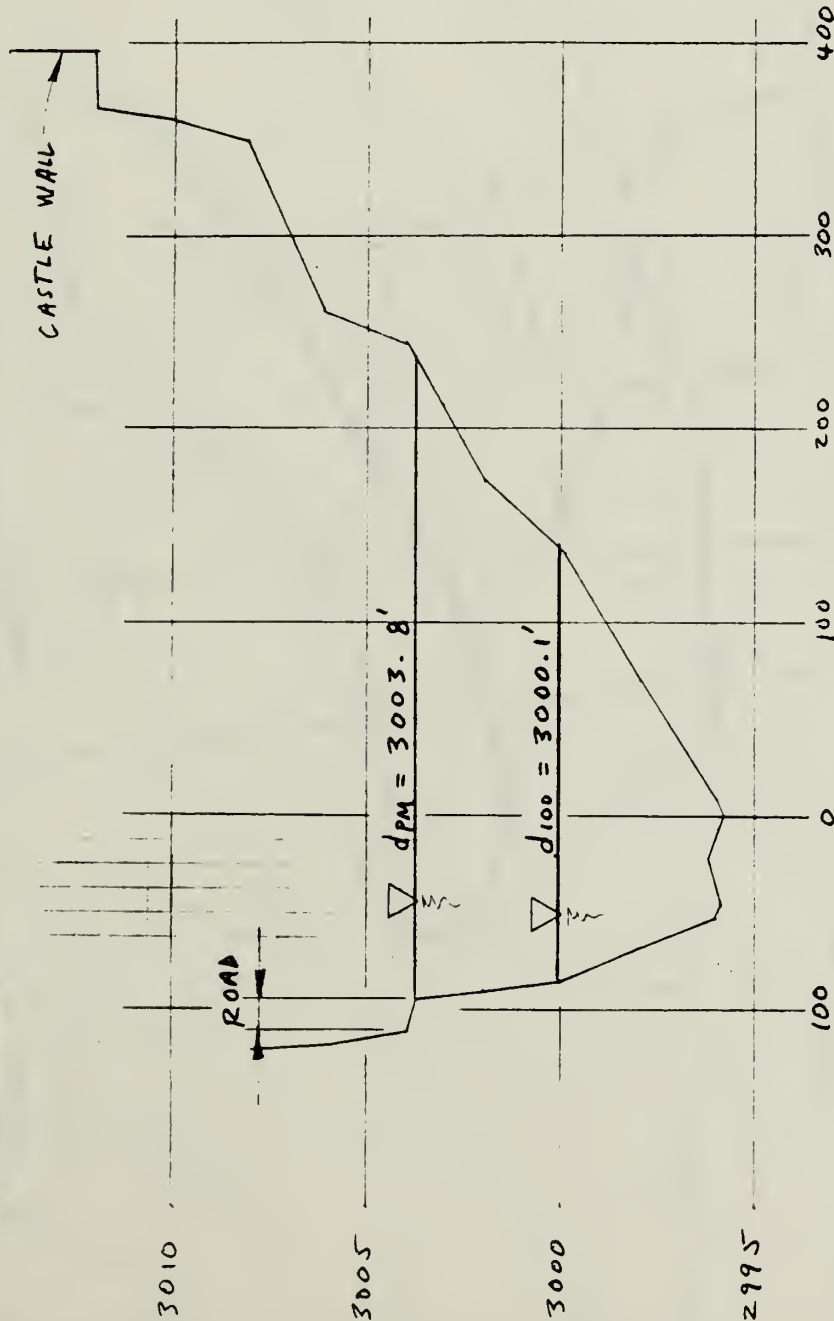
$$V = 20 \text{ fps}$$

SECTION SC-2D





Park	DEATH VALLEY N.M.		NATIONAL PARK SERVICE DENVER SERVICE CENTER	Sheet	12
Area	SCOTTY'S CASTLE			of	
Project		By	R. G.	Checked	
Feature	CROSS SECTION AT CASTLE	Date	5/21/84	Date	
				Pkg.	
				Account	



SECTION SC-2E

$$Q_{pm} = 36,400 \text{ cfs}$$

$$V_{pm} = 17.1 \text{ fps}$$

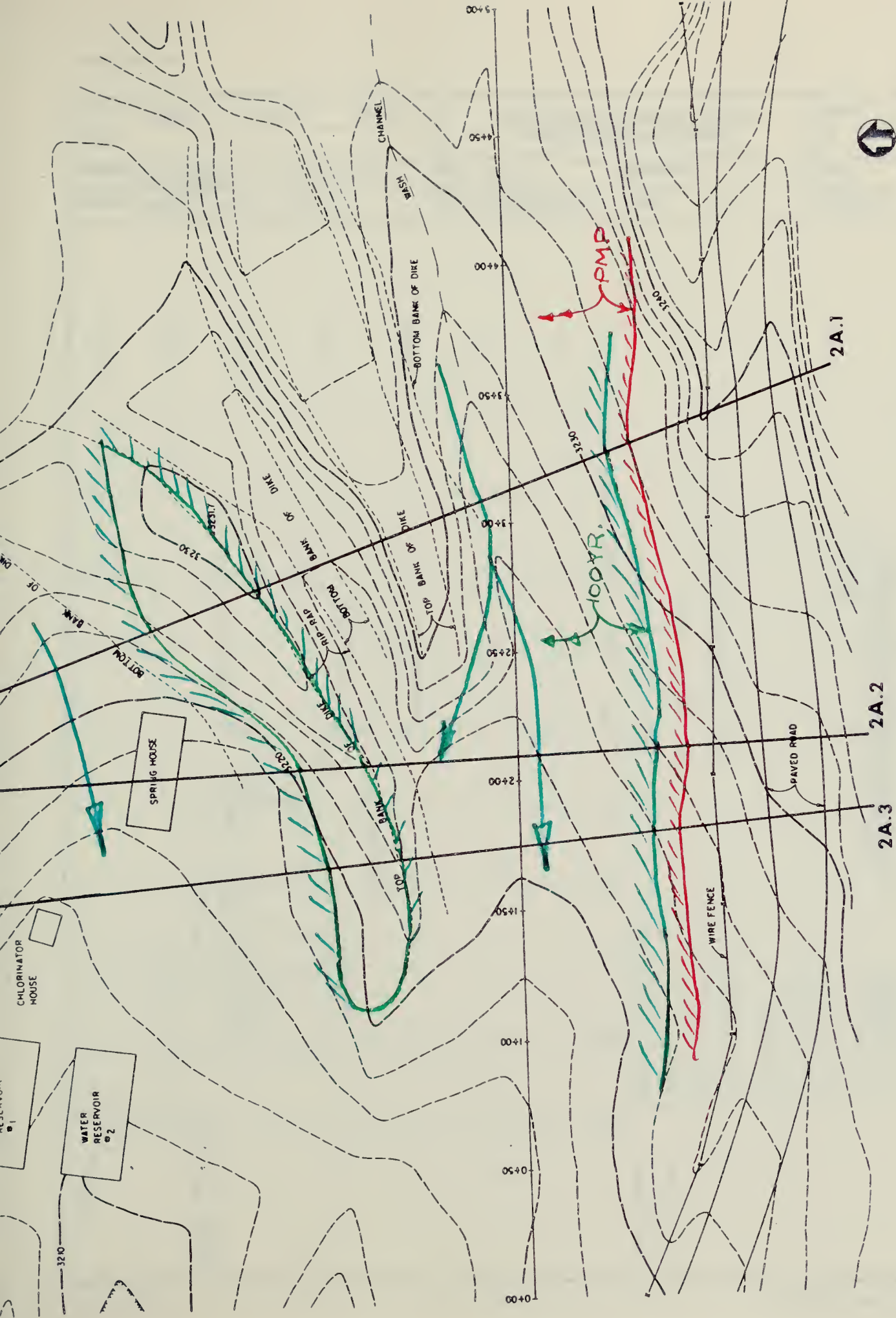
$$n = .045$$

$$s = .053$$

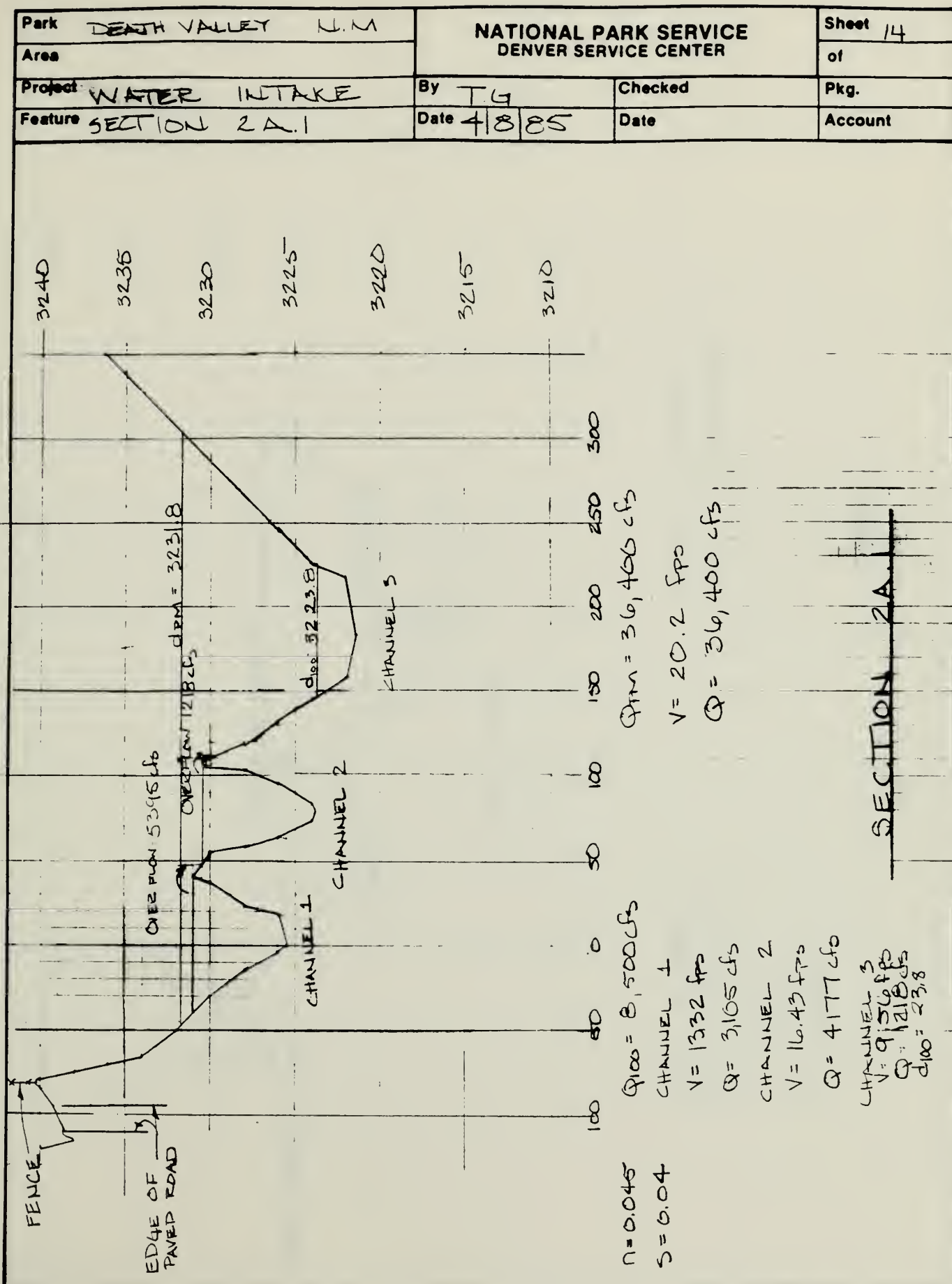
$$Q_{100} = 8,500 \text{ cfs}$$

$$V_{100} = 12.8 \text{ fps}$$





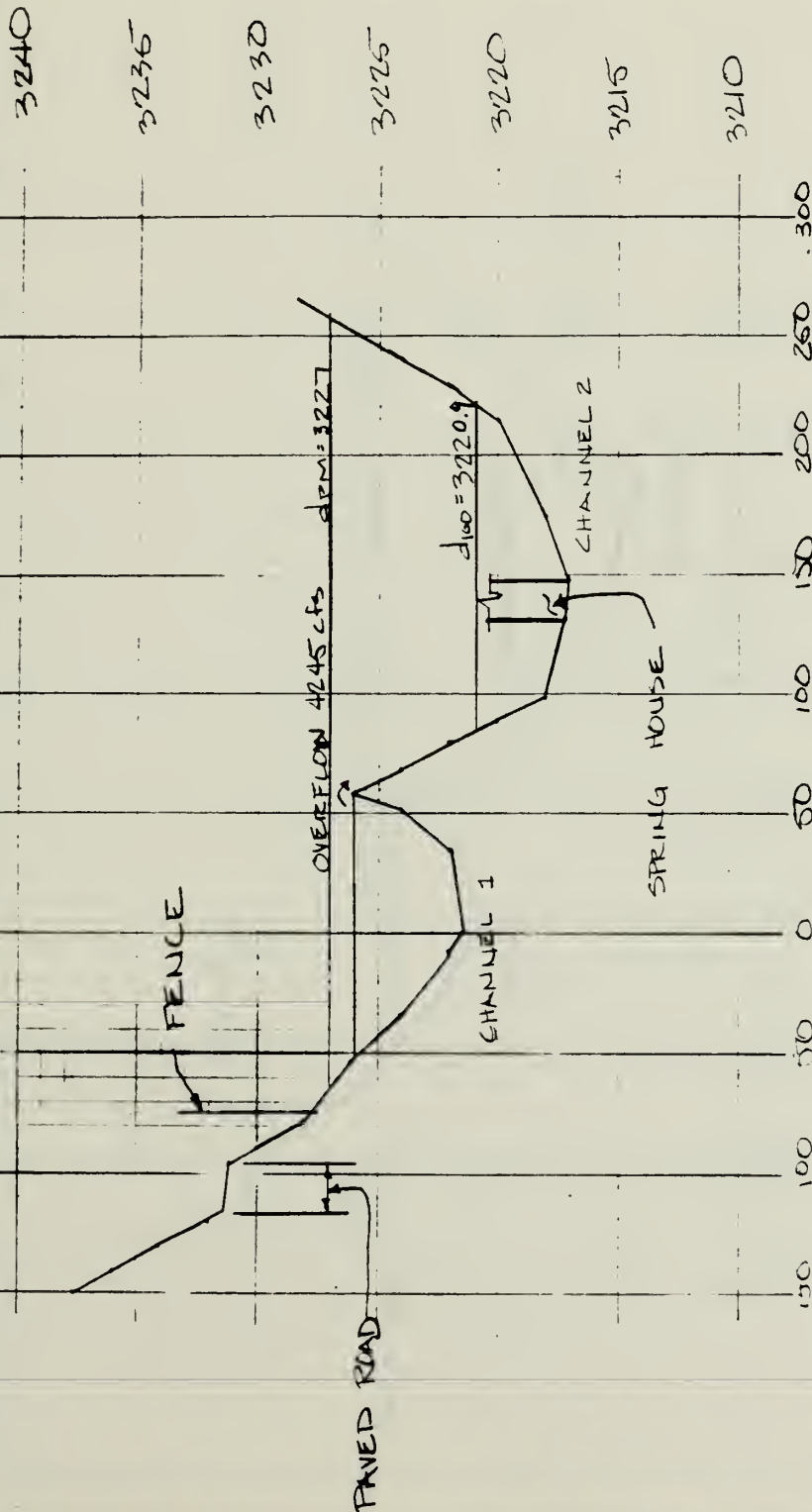








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Area			of
Project <b>WATER INTAKE</b>	By <b>T. G.</b>	Checked	Pkg.
Feature <b>SECTION 2A2</b>	Date <b>4/8/85</b>	Date	Account



QPM = 36,400 cfs  
VPM = 19.68 fps

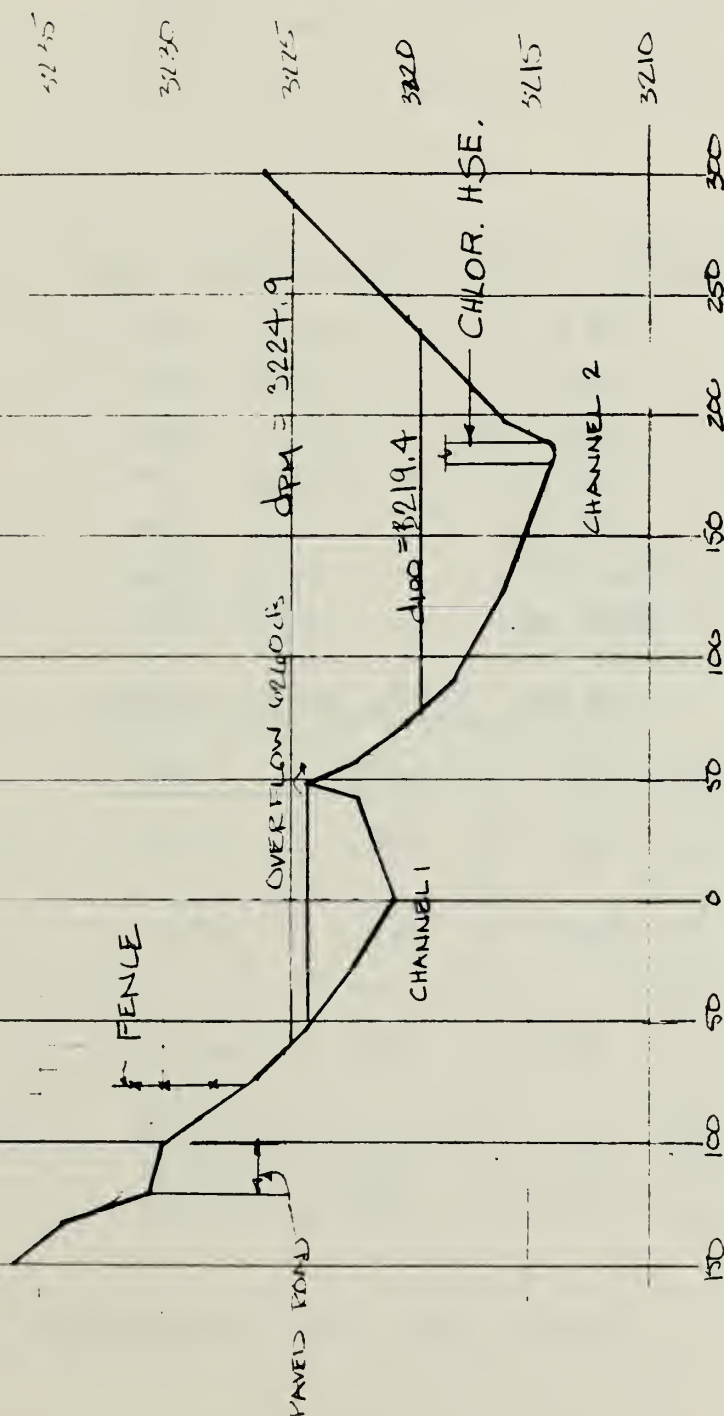
Q100 = 8,500 cfs  
V100 = 11.71 fps

n = 0.045  
S = 0.035

SECTION 2A.2



Park <b>DEATH VALLEY N.P.</b>	<b>NATIONAL PARK SERVICE</b>		Sheet <b>16</b>
Area	<b>DENVER SERVICE CENTER</b>		of
Project <b>WATER INTAKE</b>	By <b>T.G.</b>	Checked	Pkg.
Feature <b>SECTION 2A3</b>	Date <b>4/8/85</b>	Date	Account



$$Q_{PM} = 36,400 \text{ cfs}$$

$$V_{PM} = 19.10 \text{ fps}$$

$$Q_{100} = 8,500 \text{ cfs}$$

$$\text{CHANNEL 1}$$

$$V_{100} = 10.32 \text{ fps}$$

$$Q = 2240.5 \text{ cfs}$$

$$\text{CHANNEL 2}$$

$$Q = 6269.5 \text{ cfs}$$

$$V_{100} = 12.71 \text{ fps}$$

$$n = 0.045$$

$$s = 0.035$$

SECTION 2A3

SECTION 2A3



Park	DEATH VALLEY N.M.		NATIONAL PARK SERVICE DENVER SERVICE CENTER	Sheet	17
Area	SCOTTY'S CASTLE			of	
Project		By	2.6	Checked	
Feature		Date	5/30/84	Date	
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				Account	

## II PRECIPITATION

### A FIND PRECIPITATION FOR 100 YR FREQUENCY - ALL AREAS

6 HR., 100 yr. POINT = 1.7 INCHES =  $X_3$  FIG 24

24 HR., 100 yr. POINT = 2.6 INCHES =  $X_4$  FIG. 30

$$Y_{100} = 100 \text{ yr.}, 1 \text{ HOUR RAIN} = 0.322 + 0.789[(X_3)(X_3/X_4)]$$

$$= 1.20 \text{ INCHES/HR.}$$

### FIND AMOUNTS FOR VARIOUS DURATIONS - TABLE 13

100 yr., 5 MIN = .29 (1.20) = .35 INCHES

100 yr. 10 MIN = .45 (1.20) = .54 INCHES

100 yr. 15 MIN = .57 (1.20) = .68 INCHES

100 yr. 30 MIN = .79 (1.20) = .95 INCHES

100 yr. 1 HR. = 1.0 (1.20) = 1.20 INCHES

100 yr. 2 HR. = 1.30 INCHES } FROM FIG. 15 - (B)

100 yr. 3 HR. = 1.50 INCHES }

### REDUCE FOR AREA SIZE

AREA	30 MIN	1 HR.	2 HR.	3 HR.	6 HR.
SC-1	.83	1.12	1.25	1.46	1.67
SC-2	.73	1.03	1.17	1.40	1.62
SC-1 + SC-2	.68	1.00	1.14	1.33	1.60
SC-3 + SC-1 + SC-2	.68	.98	1.12	1.37	1.58

INFORMATION FROM NOAA ATLAS 2 - VOLUME VII FOR NEVADA





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Area SCOTTY'S CASTLE			of
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## II PRECIPITATION (CONT.)

### B FIND PROBABLE MAXIMUM RAINFALL

1 HOUR POINT RAINFALL = 6 INCHES / HR

THE DEATH VALLEY AREA IS IN ZONE II -

ADJUST FOR AREA

AREA

$$SC-1 \quad (.76)(6) = 4.56 \text{ INCHES/HR.}$$

$$SC-2 \quad (.67)(6) = 4.02 \text{ INCHES/HR.}$$

$$SC-1 + SC-2 \quad (.62)(6) = 3.72 \text{ INCHES/HR.}$$

$$SC-2 + SC-1 + SC-2 \quad (.61)(6) = 3.66 \text{ INCHES/HR.}$$

AREA	15 MIN 48% of 1 HR	30 MIN 71% of 1 HR	45 MIN 86% of 1 HR	1 HR 100% of 1 HR	1 1/2 HR 112% of 1 HR	2 HR 126% of 1 HR	3 HR 134% of 1 HR
SC-1	2.19	3.24	4.01	4.56	5.34	5.75	6.11
SC-2	1.93	2.85	3.54	4.02	4.70	5.07	5.39
SC-1 + SC-2	1.79	2.64	3.27	3.72	4.35	4.69	4.99
SC-3 + SC-1 + SC-2	1.76	2.60	3.22	3.66	4.23	4.61	4.90

INFORMATION FOR PROBABLE MAXIMUM RAINFALL FROM:  
"DESIGN OF SMALL DAMS" - U.S. DEPT. OF INTERIOR,  
BUREAU OF RECLAMATION - 1974, PP. 52 - 54.



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Project		By R. Z.	Checked	Pkg.	
Feature		Date 5/30/94	Date	Account	

### III RUN OFF FOR SC-1

#### A 100 YR. FLOOD

$$T_P = D/2 + .6 T_C$$

$$Q_P = \frac{484 (A) (Q_T)}{T_P}$$

D = DURATION (HRS.)

T<sub>C</sub> = TIME of CONCENTRATION (HRS.)

A = AREA (mi.<sup>2</sup>)

Q<sub>T</sub> = TOTAL RAINFALL FOR SPECIFIED DURATION

Q<sub>P</sub> = PEAK FLOW

ASSUME MOUNTAINS RETAIN .1" OF RAINFALL

$$T_C = 2.07 \text{ HRS.} \quad A = 14.26 \text{ mi.}^2$$

$$\text{DURATION} = 30 \text{ MIN.}$$

$$T_P = \frac{.5}{2} + (.6)(2.07) = 1.49$$

$$Q_P = \frac{(484)(14.26 \text{ mi.}^2)(1.33 - .1)}{1.49} = 3381 \text{ CFS.}$$

$$\text{DURATION} = 1 \text{ HR}$$

$$T_P = \frac{1.0}{2} + (.6)(2.07) = 1.74$$

$$Q_P = \frac{(484)(14.26)(1.12 - .1)}{1.74} = 4046 \text{ CFS.}$$

$$\text{DURATION} = 2 \text{ HRS.}$$

$$T_P = \frac{2.0}{2} + (.6)(2.07) = 2.24$$

$$Q_P = \frac{(484)(14.26)(1.25 - .1)}{2.24} = 3543 \text{ CFS.}$$

#### TRY RATIONAL METHOD (2 HRS.)

$$Q_P = CIA = (1.00) \left( \frac{1.25"}{2 \text{ HRS.}} \right) 640 (14.26) = 5704 \text{ CFS.}$$

#### TRY JOHANSEN AND CRIPDEN

$$Q_{100} = 1080 A^{.71} = (1080)(14.26)^{.71} = 7126 \text{ CFS.}$$

USE 4100 CFS



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Area	DENVER SERVICE CENTER		of
Project	By	Checked	Pkg.
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III RIVIERE FOR SC-2

A 100 YR. FLOOD

$$T_c = 1.79 \text{ HRS} \quad A = 29.71 \text{ mi}^2$$

DURATION = 1 HRS.

$$T_p = \frac{1.0}{2} + (.6)(1.79) = 1.57$$

$$Q_p = \frac{(484)(29.71)(1.03-.1)}{1.57} = 8518 \text{ cfs.}$$

DURATION = 24RS.

$$T_p = \frac{2.0}{2} + (.6)(1.79) = 2.07$$

$$Q_p = \frac{(484)(29.71)(1.17-.1)}{2.07} = 7433 \text{ cfs.}$$

DURATION = 30 min.

$$T_p = \frac{.5}{2} + .6(1.79) = 1.32$$

$$Q_p = \frac{(484)(29.71)(.73-.1)}{1.32} = 6363 \text{ cfs.}$$

RATIONAL METHOD (24RS)

$$Q_p = (1.00)\left(\frac{1.17}{2}\right) 640(29.71) = 11,123 \text{ cfs}$$

COAKSWHEN AND CRIPDEN

$$Q = (1080)(29.71)^{.71} = 12,000 \text{ cfs}$$

USE 8500 cfs





Park	DEATH VALLEY N.M.		NATIONAL PARK SERVICE DENVER SERVICE CENTER	Sheet	21
Area	SCOTTY'S CASTLE (SC-1 - SC-2)			of	
Project		By		Checked	Pkg.
Feature		Date	5/22/84	Date	Account

### III RUNOFF FOR SC-1 + SC-2

A 100 YR. FLOOD

$$T_c = 2.07 \text{ HRS.} \quad A = 43.97 \text{ mi}^2$$

DURATION = 30 MIN.

$$T_D = \frac{5}{2} + (.6)(2.07) = 1.49$$

$$Q_D = \frac{(484)(43.97)(.68-.1)}{1.49} = 8284 \text{ cfs}$$

DURATION = 1 HR.

$$T_D = \frac{1.0}{2} + .6(2.07) = 1.74$$

$$Q_D = \frac{(484)(43.97)(1.00-.1)}{1.74} = 11,007 \text{ cfs}$$

DURATION = 2 HRS.

$$T_D = \frac{2.0}{2} + .6(2.07) = 2.24$$

$$Q_D = \frac{(484)(43.97)(1.14-.1)}{2.24} = 9661 \text{ cfs}$$

RATIONAL METHOD (2 HRS)  $Q_D = (1.00) \left( \frac{1.14}{2} \right) 640 (43.97) = 16,040 \text{ cfs}$

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$$Q_D = 1050 (43.97)^{.71} = 15,851 \text{ cfs}$$

USE 11,000 cfs.



Park	DEATH VALLEY N.P.		NATIONAL PARK SERVICE DENVER SERVICE CENTER	Sheet	22
Area	SCOTT'S CANYON SC-3-SC-1+SC-2			of	
Project		By	E.G.	Checked	
Feature		Date	5/31/84	Date	
				Pkg.	
				Account	

### III RUNOFF FOR SC-3 + SC-1 + SC-2

A 100 YR. FLOOD

$$T_c = 2.43 \text{ HRS. } A = 46.71 \text{ mi}^2$$

$$\text{DURATION} = 30 \text{ min.}$$

$$T_p = \frac{1.5}{2} + .6(2.43) = 1.71$$

$$Q_p = \frac{(434)(46.71)(.68 - .1)}{1.71} = 7668 \text{ cfs}$$

$$\text{DURATION} = 1 \text{ HR.}$$

$$T_p = \frac{1.0}{2} + .6(2.43) = 1.96$$

$$Q_p = \frac{(434)(46.71)(.98 - .1)}{1.96} = 10,150 \text{ cfs}$$

$$\text{DURATION} = 2 \text{ HRS.}$$

$$T_p = \frac{2.0}{2} + .6(2.43) = 2.46$$

$$Q_p = \frac{(434)(46.71)(1.12 - .1)}{2.46} = 7374 \text{ cfs}$$

$$\text{RATIONAL METHOD (2 HRS.)}$$

$$Q_p = (1.00) \left( \frac{1.12}{2} \right) (640) (46.71) = 16,741 \text{ cfs}$$

$$\text{LUANANEN AND CRIPPEN}$$

$$Q_{100} = (1080)(46.71)^{.71} = 16,546 \text{ cfs}$$

USE 11,500 cfs



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Area COTTAGE AREA			of
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III RUNOFF FOR COTTAGE

B DAM FLOOD

$$T_L = \frac{L}{S} + 6$$

$$Q = \frac{424(14.26)^{2.67}}{T_L^{0.58}}$$

L = LENGTH OF STORM

T\_L = TIME OF CONCENTRATION

A = AREA

Q = TOTAL RUNOFF AS DETERMINED DURATION

T\_L = DURATION

ASSUME MOUNTAIN RETAIN 1/2 IN. PER IN. FALL

$$T_L = 2 \times 14.26 = 28.52$$

1.5425

$$T_L = \frac{1.5}{2} + 6(2.02) = 12.74$$

$$Q = \frac{424(14.26)^{2.67}}{1.74} = 17,601 \text{ cfs}$$

2.3451 = 1.5425

$$T_L = \frac{1.5}{2} + 6(2.02) = 12.74$$

$$Q = \frac{424(14.26)^{2.67}}{1.99} = 18,124 \text{ cfs}$$

1.5425 = 2.02

$$T_L = \frac{1.5}{2} + 6(2.02) = 12.74$$

$$Q = \frac{424(14.26)^{2.67}}{2.24} = 17,403 \text{ cfs}$$

UNIMODAL (CRIPPER)

$$Q = 424(14.26)^{2.67} \times (1.5 + 5)^{-1.341}$$

$$= 17,601(4.26^{0.29}) \times (14.26^{0.5} + 5)^{-1.341}$$

$$= 17,601 \times 1.58 \text{ cfs}$$

WATTHAM  $Q = 11,000 \times 1.61 = 11,000(4.26^{0.29}) = 17,601 \text{ cfs}$

RATIONAL METHOD (2.02)  $Q_p = (1.00) \left( \frac{5.75}{2} \right) (640/14.26) = 26,238 \text{ cfs}$

USE 18,200





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Feature	Date <u>5/31/24</u>	Date	Account

### III RUNOFF FOR SC-2

#### B PMD FLOOD

$$T_c = 1.27 \text{ HRS} \quad A = 27.71 \text{ mi}^2$$

$$\text{DURATION} = 1 \text{ HR.}$$

$$T_c = \frac{1.0}{2} + 1.479 = 1.57$$

$$Q_D = \frac{(434)(27.71)(4.02 - .1)}{1.57} = 35,703 \text{ cfs.}$$

$$\text{DURATION} = 1.5 \text{ HR}$$

$$T_c = \frac{1.5}{2} + 1.479 = 1.82$$

$$Q_D = \frac{(434)(27.71)(4.70 - .1)}{1.82} = 36,344 \text{ cfs.}$$

$$\text{DURATION} = 2 \text{ HR.}$$

$$T_c = \frac{2.0}{2} + 1.479 = 2.07$$

$$Q_D = \frac{(434)(27.71)(5.07 - .1)}{2.07} = 34,525 \text{ cfs.}$$

$$\text{FANNING AND COLEBURN} \quad Q_{max} = (5900)(27.71)^{.55} (2.02^{.5} + 5)^{-1.34} \\ = 107,561 \text{ cfs.}$$

$$\text{NATTHAI} \quad Q = (11,000)(27.71)^{.6} = 87,062 \text{ cfs.}$$

$$\text{RATIONAL METHOD (2 HRS.)} \quad Q_D = (1.00)\left(\frac{5.07}{2}\right)(640)(27.71) \\ = 48,202 \text{ cfs.}$$

USE 36,400 cfs



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B DRAIN FLOOD

$$T_c = 2 \text{ HRS. } A = 43.32 \text{ mi}^2$$

DURATION = 1 HRS.

$$T_D = \frac{1.2}{2} + .6(2.07) = 1.74$$

$$Q_D = \frac{480(43.32)(2.72 - 1)}{1.74} = 44,275 \text{ cfs.}$$

DURATION = 1.5 HRS.

$$T_D = \frac{1.2}{2} + .6(2.07) = 1.99$$

$$Q_D = \frac{480(43.32)(4.35 - 1)}{1.99} = 45,450 \text{ cfs.}$$

DURATION = 2 HRS.

$$T_D = \frac{2.0}{2} + .6(2.07) = 2.24$$

$$Q_D = \frac{480(43.32)(4.64 - 1)}{2.24} = 43,608 \text{ cfs.}$$

FRANKLIN AND CRIPPER

$$Q_{we} = \frac{78700(43.32)^{1.07}(43.32^2 - 1)^{-1.741}}{1.07} = 180,223 \text{ cfs.}$$

MATTHEI

$$Q = 1,500(43.32)^{.6} = 110,000$$

RATIONAL METHOD 24 HRS.

$$Q = (1.00)\left(\frac{4.64}{2}\right)(640(43.32)) = 65,710 \text{ cfs.}$$

SEE 1-1-21



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Area <u>SCOTTY'S CASTLE (SC-3 + SC-1 + SC-2)</u>			of
Project	By <u>P. G.</u>	Checked	Pkg.
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III CONCRETE SC-3 + SC-1 + SC-2

$$B \quad P_1 = P_{200}$$

$$T_p = 1.46 \quad A = 46.71 \text{ mi}^2$$

$$C_p = 1.46$$

$$T_p = \frac{1.46}{2} + .6(2.43) = 1.46$$

$$Q = \frac{484(46.71)(3.66 - .1)}{1.46} = 55,125 \text{ cfs.}$$

DURATION = 1.5 HRS.

$$T_p = \frac{1.5}{2} + .6(2.43) = 1.99$$

$$Q = \frac{484(46.71)(4.28 - .1)}{1.99} = 47,487 \text{ cfs.}$$

TRY DURATION = .45 min

$$T_p = \frac{.45}{2} + .6(2.43) = 1.83$$

$$Q = \frac{484(46.71)(3.22 - .1)}{1.83} = 38,544 \text{ cfs.}$$

MAHANNEN AND CRIPPEN

$$Q_{we} = 98900(46.71)^{1.021} (46.71^{.5} + 5)^{-1.341} = 137,900 \text{ cfs.}$$

MAHANNEN

$$Q = 11,000(46.71)^{.6} = 114,745 \text{ cfs.}$$

RATIONAL METHOD (2 HRS.)

$$Q_p = (1.00) \left( \frac{4.61}{2} \right) 640(46.71) = 68,707 \text{ cfs.}$$

RATIONAL METHOD (3 HRS.)

$$Q_p = 1.00 \left( \frac{4.90}{2} \right) 640(46.71) = 73,241 \text{ cfs.}$$

USE 55,200 cfs.







